

Cheysson arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — A senior European Community (EC) official arrived here on Monday for talks with officials here on ways to promote economic cooperation between the EC and Syria. Claude Cheysson, commissioner in charge of Mediterranean affairs, told reporters he would discuss with Syrian officials "questions aimed at developing economic cooperation" between Syria and the community. "Syria has a significant role in the Middle East," he said. Diplomatic sources said Mr. Cheysson's discussions during the three-day visit would basically focus on the policies of the community towards the Mediterranean states, particularly since Spain and Portugal joined it. They said the talks were also expected to cover financial aid to Syria and the political situation in the region.

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Tlas warns against attacks on Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) — Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Mustafa Tlas warned the United States and Israel on Monday against attacking Syria and said attackers would get a "severe punishment." Syria "is capable of confronting and felling any aggressive challenges, whatever big they may be and from any source they may come," Gen. Tlas told the Syrian parliament. "Those who will attack us will not leave without a severe punishment," Gen. Tlas accused the United States and Israel of seeking to "dictate their will upon us. This is why they concentrate their energies against us." This was a reference to U.S. and Israeli charges that Syria had been linked to terrorist attacks in Europe. His tough-worded statement came after a visit to the Soviet Union by Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam and Chief of Staff Major General Hikmat Shihabi last week. The Kremlin pledged during the visit to strengthen Syria's military defences.

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Princess Basma gives birth to daughter

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma and her husband Walid Al Kurdi have been blessed with a new baby girl whom they have named Zein, according to an official announcement issued Monday. The baby arrived at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and was delivered at the King Hussein Medical Centre.

King cables good wishes to Italy

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday sent a congratulatory cable to Italian President Francesco Cossiga congratulating him on Italy's National Day. In his cable, King Hussein wished the Italian president happiness and good health and the Italian people every progress and prosperity.

White House denies Reagan was shot or ill

WASHINGTON (R) — The White House on Monday denied rumours in Japanese and European financial markets that President Ronald Reagan had been shot or had suffered a heart attack. "The president is fine," White House press spokesman Albert Brashear said. Foreign exchange dealers in London said the rumours had caused a fall in the value of the dollar but the U.S. currency later recovered.

Bahrain introduces airport tax

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain has introduced an airport tax of two dinars (\$5.30) for all passengers leaving the country, airport officials said Monday. Some 500,000 passengers use Bahrain's international airport each year and the tax could bring in up to one million dinars (\$2.6 million) annually.

6 nuns killed in Dublin fire

DUBLIN (AP) — Six nuns aged between 60 and 83 died in a fire that gutted a convent building in central Dublin early Monday, police and fire officials said. The nuns were asleep in a dormitory on the top floor of a four-storey girls' school when the fire broke out in a neighbouring building and quickly spread, blocking their escape, said a senior staff nun at the Loreto Secondary School. In addition to three who escaped from the blaze, 12 other nuns fled safely from an adjacent building.

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King confers with Chirac in Paris

His Majesty meets Mitterrand today

PARIS (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday held talks here with French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac on Middle East developments and issues of mutual concern to Jordan and France.

The Jordanian news agency, Petra, which reported the meeting, did not give details of the topics discussed but it was believed that efforts for a just and durable settlement to the Palestinian problem were a major issue that the King and Mr. Chirac reviewed.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Petra said.

The King, who arrived here earlier in the day accompanied by Mr. Rifai and Mr. Masri, is expected to meet French President Francois Mitterrand on Wednesday, before leaving for the U.S. on Thursday.

During his visit to the U.S., the King will hold talks with President Ronald Reagan and senior American officials on latest Middle East developments and efforts to find a durable and just solution to the Middle East conflict through an international conference to be

attended by all parties to the conflict, Petra said. The King's meeting with President Reagan is expected to take place in Washington on June 9, White House Deputy Press Secretary Edward Djerejian said earlier this week.

The King last visited the U.S. in September last year. He addressed the 40th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York and met with President Reagan at the White House in Washington.

During his latest visit to the U.S. the King will also attend graduation ceremonies of his twin daughters Their Royal Highnesses Princess Zein and Princess Aisha.

Upon arrival on Orly airport on Monday the King was received by Mr. Chirac and his wife and Her Majesty Queen Noor, who arrived in the French capital on Sunday, Petra said.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan is sworn in as Regent before the King's departure for France en route to the U.S. on Monday (Petra photo)

Masri: No date set for summit

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab League has not yet reached agreement with Arab states on a date for convening an Arab summit meeting, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said here Monday following a two-day visit to Amman by the league's secretary general, Mr. Chadi Klibi.

Speaking to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, upon seeing off Mr. Klibi at the airport, Mr. Masri said the secretary general's visit to Jordan was within the framework of consultations and efforts being exerted at the moment to unify Arab stands and pave the way for the summit.

Mr. Klibi met with His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday to discuss the Arab League's effort to convene the summit.

Petra reported that King Hussein and Mr. Klibi exchanged views on preparations for the summit. In a statement upon arrival in Amman, Mr. Klibi reaffirmed that the purpose of his visit was to consult with the King on this subject. He praised the King's outstanding efforts to prepare the atmosphere for convening an Arab summit and making it a success.

Inter-Arab differences, including the long-running Iran-Iraq war, have delayed the convening of a summit. The last full summit was in 1982.

Klibi arrives in Kuwait

The Kuwaiti News Agency



Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri chats with Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi (centre) prior to Mr. Klibi's departure from Amman for a two-day visit. The Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Ibrahim Bahou, is on the right (Petra photo)

(KUNA) later reported Mr. Klibi's arrival in Kuwait from Amman on Monday.

Mr. Klibi, who said he was trying to fix a date for a meeting of foreign ministers to prepare for a summit, was met by Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah. He was to have talks with Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Sheikh Sabah, who is also foreign minister, has said Gulf states want to postpone the foreign ministers' talks, believed planned for June 23 in Morocco, because they clashed with a meeting of Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers.

The GCC groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Klibi said the long-running Iran-Iraq war, fighting in Lebanon, and Israeli threats against Syria and a plot against the Palestinian people called for decisive action to revive Arab solidarity.

Mr. Klibi met the Kuwaiti emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah later Monday and left for Baghdad. The Iraqi News Agency reported his arrival in Baghdad.

Syria intensifies efforts to halt Amal-Palestinian fighting

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syria stepped up pressure for peace at Beirut's embattled Palestinian camps on Monday, convening talks between its main militia allies on ways of ending fighting that rumbled into a 12th day.

Speaking as Palestinians and Shi'ite Amal militiamen battled for control of three refugee camps, Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt told reporters he blamed the fighting on efforts by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat to send arms and men to Beirut.

"We all know the dangers of the conspiracy and the statements by Arafat and sending fighters to Beirut ... to the camps in particular," Mr. Junblatt, a Syrian ally, said.

Fierce battles with tanks, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns were renewed on Monday after Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenana, chief of the Syrian army intelligence in Lebanon, concluded a meeting with Amal militia chief Nabih Berri without a new ceasefire agreement.

The meeting at Mr. Berri's sandbagged house was attended by Mr. Junblatt as well as top military commanders of the Amal militia. Representatives of the Syrian-backed Palestine National Salvation Front (PNSF) were not invited to the discussions.

Amal and PSP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AP the conference failed to thrash out arrangements for a last-

ing truce to end the year-old on-again-off-again camps war. The sources said Mr. Berri rejected a proposal that the PNSF, a coalition of six PLO groups opposed to Mr. Arafat, take over exclusive control of Sabra, Shatilla and Bourj Al Barajneh camps.

"This is not a deep-rooted solution," Mr. Berri was quoted as saying.

Mr. Berri says he wants the camps disarmed and demands controls to prevent the return of PLO fighters to the camps to rebuild the power base the PLO lost in Israel's 1982 invasion.

In Tunis, Mr. Arafat has been ready to send an envoy for talks to try to end the fighting in Beirut. The Palestinian news agency (Wafa) said.

Mr. Arafat also appealed to Arab leaders either to intervene to "stop massacres" by using their armies or to allow him to defend the camps.

Commenting on the fighting over the camps, the second serious flare-up since a month-long battle a year ago in which hundreds died, Mr. Arafat said he was ready to make contact with the leaders of the "gangs" attacking the camps.

"I am ready to send an envoy if it will stop the bloodletting," he said.

He denied in his statement to a group of reporters in Tunis that the PLO leadership intended to return to Lebanon.

There were no casualties reported from fighting on Monday at

Beirut camps, but hospital, security and militia sources said at least 45 people had been killed and more than 200 wounded in the fighting.

Mr. Berri said his militia had lost 60 civilians and fighters in the battle, the heaviest since some 700 people were killed in an Amal assault on the camps early last year.

Scores more people have been killed in flare-ups since then despite dozens of peace plans backed by Syrian officials determined to prevent the violence from undermining their wider drive for an end to Lebanon's 11-year-old civil war.

Thousands of refugees have fled the latest fighting, taking sanctuary in mosques and schools guarded by neutral militias (See page 2).

Amal militiamen, in separate incidents, fought overnight street battles with a Sunni Muslim group and PSP militiamen. Newspapers said the fighting ended at midnight after a joint militia force was deployed in streets.

The independent An-Nahar newspaper quoted militia sources as saying the street battles, with rockets and machineguns, wounded 30 people and set cars and houses ablaze in the Barbir and Tarik Al Jideh residential areas.

"We spent the night in shelters ... the battle was very heavy," a Barbir resident said.

There was no word on casualties in the clashes between Amal and Palestinian fighters in the residential Aisha Bakar areas.

Colombo on alert against bombings

COLOMBO (R) — Armed police searched vehicles entering Colombo on Monday as the people of the capital returned for work after three days in which guerrilla violence took 55 lives.

Bombs blamed on guerrillas seeking a Tamil state in Sinhalese-dominated Sri Lanka killed 13 people at a food factory here on Friday and 12 others on board a passenger train in a Colombo suburb on Saturday. A landmine in eastern Trincomalee killed 25 soldiers and five civilians on Friday.

The city was tense on Monday as a fire broke out at a government dental hospital and police were called in to check bomb threats at government institutions.

IPPNW launches international campaign against nuclear arms

FRANKFURT (AP) — The American co-president of a Nobel Prize-winning physicians' group said on Monday he was flying to the Soviet Union to begin the first leg of a year-long global campaign against nuclear arms.

"We will leave today for Moscow, where we will meet with doctors and political leaders to discuss the medical consequences of nuclear war and the arms race," said Dr. Bernard Lown, a cardiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Speaking to reporters before his afternoon flight to Moscow, Dr. Lown said members of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) would visit Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America during the next 12 months.

The start of the campaign, from

June 2 through June 14, will include lectures in Moscow and Peking, as well as Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, Dr. Lown said. Lecturers, in addition to Dr. Lown, will be Dr. Yevgeny Chazov, the Soviet co-president of the group, and one doctor each from Sweden, Finland, Australia and Mexico.

The doctors' group on Sunday completed a four-day congress in Cologne, West Germany, where Dr. Lown said in a closing statement: "The idea of pointing nuclear missiles at entire nations is without precedent in moral depravity."

More than 1,000 delegates attended the Cologne congress. The organisation, which won the Nobel Peace Prize last year, has a worldwide membership of 154,000 in 49 countries.

Dispute over new E.Berlin regulation remains deadlocked

BERLIN (AP) — Diplomats from NATO countries said on Monday they were deadlocked with East Germany over the communist country's new Berlin passport policy and acknowledged no solution to the impasse was in sight.

The NATO diplomats, based in East Berlin, said they would continue to avoid crossing the sector boundary between East Berlin and West Berlin so as not to comply with the new passport regulation imposed by the East Germans last week.

"There is a general feeling that something has to be done, but there are no solutions being talked about that we know of," said one

of the Western diplomats. The diplomats said their dependents also would continue to detour around the boundary line between the two sectors of the city.

The detours were agreed upon by the NATO allies represented in East Berlin after East Germany began requiring passports, rather than just identity cards used in the past, from diplomats crossing between the two sectors of the city.

East Germany authorities have said the policy was a response to Western demands for help in fighting terrorism.

Amman police investigating murder of 4-year-old boy

AMMAN (J.T.) — Police on Monday were investigating the murder of a four-year-old child who was found dead inside a bag dumped in a valley in the Hashimi Shamali area on Thursday. The boy was apparently banged to death, police said.

Police would not give details about the course of investigations and did not say whether there were any suspects. They said that any information released about the murder could undermine the whole investigation.

The victim's father had informed police about the disappearance of his son on May 29. The boy was identified by his initials as B.A.S.A. A senior police official told the Jordan Times that investigators were following several leads, any of which could help in arresting the killer.

"I would not risk the investigation by revealing information about these leads," the senior official said. "As soon as we arrest somebody, we'll let you know," he told the Jordan Times.

U.N. accord seen as major global bid to revive Africa

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Africa can expect an economic revival effort comparable to the outpouring of aid in the famine emergency following Sunday night's agreement at the United Nations on a sweeping recovery plan, diplomats said Monday.

"We expect the world to respond to these needs in much the same way that it responded to the famine emergency," Ambassador Joseph Reed of the U.S. delegation told reporters.

A final document adopted unanimously by the U.N. General

Assembly after six days of intensive negotiating took note of the Organisation of African Unity's (OAU) own estimate that economic recovery would require \$128.1 billion over five years, of which the African states would provide \$82.5 billion.

U.N. officials said the document was not a binding obligation, but by supporting its members were morally bound.

As a follow-up to the assembly action, there now will be more careful monitoring of programmes and needs.

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Iraq sentences 10 Egyptians to death for forging documents

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Monday it had sentenced 10 Egyptians to death for forging official documents used in a currency smuggling racket.

"Iraq's revolutionary court sentenced 10 Egyptian workers to death and several others for different imprisonment terms, for forging official documents such as passports and identity cards along with illegal smuggling of currency," the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying.

Mohammad Al Haj Hammoud, head of the ministry's legal department, said the convicted men were part of a currency smuggling ring.

"Investigation... proved they were part of a big gang for forging passports, identity cards and other official documents... for smuggling currency illegally or changing it in black markets," he said in a letter to the chairman of Egypt's Lawyers Union.

Pointing to Iraq's need for cur-

rency to finance its war with Iran, he rejected a plea from the union for the men to be retried in Egypt.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Esmat Abdul Meguid earlier delivered a letter from President Hosni Mubarak to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the issue.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said Sunday Mr. Mubarak had phoned Mr. Hussein to discuss the fate of the workers and Mr. Hussein had "promised to solve the problem within two days, in line with the good and special relations between the two peoples."

Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said last month 30 Egyptians had been sentenced to death. Four had already been hanged and 10 more were to be executed on June 14, they said.

They said the men had been

convicted of forging documents to enable them to send home more of their earnings than the 40 Iraqi dinars (\$120) they are legally entitled to remit.

Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council recently made this a capital offense.

At least one million Egyptians work in Iraq and the Cairo weekly Akhbar Al Youm said 360 more were awaiting trial on similar charges.

Mr. Abdul Meguid told newsmen Sunday night he hoped for a satisfactory solution to the issue, which he described as "important and (having) acquired wide interest in Egypt."

INA quoted the Foreign Ministry official as saying the convicted men had forged 817 passports, 879 residence cards and 209 official stamps and planned to use them to smuggle millions of dollars.

In Cairo, the editor of the semi-official daily Al Ahram said

he thought the Egyptians must have committed a major crime such as treason when he first heard of the sentences.

"But to my surprise I learned that they were involved in forging passports and currency crimes," Ibrahim Nafisi said in a front-page editorial.

"Those simple Egyptians who were taken to the gallows are in Iraq, along with many others, to help in development projects and support the country in its war against Iran," Nafisi, known to have close ties with Mr. Mubarak, said.

"Imposing such hard punishment on the Egyptians will make thousands of Egyptians in Iraq feel less secure, and discourage others from travelling to Iraq, and create a state of tension and anxiety in Egypt," he said.

He praised Mr. Mubarak's attempts to solve the problem, adding: "It is high time for the Egyptian government to take steps to protect the rights of Egyptians working abroad."

Saudi king condemns terrorism

KUWAIT (R) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, in an interview published Monday, condemned all forms of terrorism, which he said was distorting the image of the Arab and Islamic World.

"I condemn terrorism in all shapes and forms," he told the Kuwaiti daily Al Sayassah in an interview in Mecca. "The picture of the Arab and Islamic World is being distorted by terrorism," he added.

He accused "many powers" of wanting to give a false picture of the Arab and Islamic World. Without naming them, he said: "They have their own reasons for doing this even when we are innocent and have no link at all with what is happening."

The king said rifts in the Arab World were not irreparable because of what he called good intentions among Arab states.

"If these problems reflected differences between the leaders themselves, and the good intentions were not there, then we really would have problems," he added.

Describing the Arab League charter as out of date, he said it should be amended, "so there are no barriers preventing us getting on with things."

"The problems of the Arab World are not problems at grass roots level, they are problems caused from the top," he added.

King Fahd said the achievements of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, set up in 1981 to coordinate political and economic policies, had surpassed expectations.

The council groups Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

On Saudi Arabia's mediation in a recent territorial dispute between Bahrain and Qatar over a Gulf coral reef, he said the agreed solution included a provision that both should submit to international arbitration, in the current and future disputes.

"But I believe we will not have to resort to international arbitration because the intentions of the two sides are good," the king added.

Ozal party wins in 10 of 16 mayoral elections

ANKARA (AP) — Candidates of Premier Turgut Ozal's ruling Motherland Party won 10 of the 16 mayoral elections held on Sunday, Turkish media reported Monday.

The Motherland Party kept its top listing among political parties, winning about 42 per cent of the 18,000 votes cast in townships throughout the country.

The Social Democrat Populist Party came second, winning the mayoral contest in 3 towns and 28 per cent of the votes.

In overall vote percentage, the center-right True Path Party backed by former Premier Suleyman Demirel came 3rd with 20 per cent of the votes but did not win any mayoralships.

France, Iran to discuss \$1b loan

PARIS (R) — A French negotiating team, taking advantage of a "new climate," was expected to leave for Iran for talks on the \$1-billion loan dispute between Paris and Tehran, a major obstacle toward warmer relations, the Foreign Ministry announced.

French reimbursement of the money has been reported to be a condition for the release of French hostages in Tehran, although Iran denies it is linked to the hostage affair.

The money was lent to the Atomic Energy Commission by the now-toppled monarchy of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Iran's Islamic regime has been

demanding reimbursement since it came to power in 1979.

Negotiations which started in December 1985 and continued in February in a visit by French experts to Tehran, "are being followed up on a new basis with the intention of reaching an accord acceptable to the two countries," a ministry spokesman said. He could not be named in keeping with French practice.

The new mission follows the May 21-23 visit to France by Iranian Vice Premier Ali Reza Moayeri and marks "the new climate" that has since developed, the spokesman said.

During his visit, Mr. Moayeri

indicated that negotiations over the money were advancing. Outlining conditions for better relations, he called on France to extradite certain Iranian exile leaders based here and asked that France sign no further arms contracts with Iran, Iran's enemy in the Gulf war.

There have been reports that those also are the conditions for Iran to take action in helping to free nine French hostages in Lebanon, four of whom are allegedly being held by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad.

Mr. Moayeri said during his visit that Iran has no relations with the kidnappers but would use its influence to try to resolve the affair.

Refugees flee Beirut Palestinian camp

By Daniel Gavron

BEIRUT (R) — Tears streamed down the face of a Palestinian woman Monday as she prayed for her children trapped inside Shatila Refugee Camp by fighting between Palestinians and Shi'ite Muslim militiamen.

"We had to flee... I was outside the house and could not reach my five children," said 55-year-old Amnah Mahmoud, who left her home more than 10 days ago after fighting flared. "I fled and now they are trapped inside," she cried.

She was one of some 500 Palestinians and Lebanese taking refuge in the basement of a west Beirut mosque from the heaviest fighting at Beirut refugee camps for a year.

Hundreds more shelter in other places protected by neutral militias. Fleeing crowded the faces of scores of children who cowered in the crowded space, darkened by power failure.

Old men and women squeezed together, sleeping fitfully on torn mattresses on the concrete floor.

"My five boys are trapped inside... God protect them," said Fatmeh Zein, a Lebanese married to a Palestinian, as she sat outside on the street with 15 other women.

The mosque is less than one kilometre from Sabra, one of three camps where Palestinians and the

Syrian-backed Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia have fought 12 days of artillery and rocket battles for control of the shantytowns.

More than 5,000 Shi'ite civilians have fled the teeming southern suburbs, the site of the camps. Amal sources said,

"God created the Palestinians just like other people. Why do we always have to flee from our houses," protested an aged Palestinian woman, one of 500 refugees at a school of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA).

The woman, who refused to be named, was sitting on the concrete floor beside a playground. Blankets had been rigged to a tree, under which some 18 people dozed.

Families jammed into 17 schoolrooms, each three metres by four metres, sleeping and cooking.

"Death is better than living this way," cried her 48-year-old companion, Fatima, who said she had fled her house more than 10 times since Palestinians left their homes in 1948.

She said her family left the refugee camp of Tal Al Zaatar when it was overrun by Falangist militiamen a decade ago. Later, she had to abandon a makeshift home in the former Christian town of Damour during the 1982 Israeli invasion.

One room was crowded with boys dressed in rags and crouched

on the floor. "I will fight and take revenge on the whole world when I grow up," said 11-year-old Mohammad from Sabra.

Mohammad's challenge was hailed by dozens of boys around him. But frail Heibel, 19, said all she wanted "was all sides to stop... we cannot bear to be refugees anymore."

The plight of the Palestinians is a repetition of last year when savage fighting forced thousands of camp residents to flee to Beirut — some to the same shelters now being used.

"Every few days we flee our home... I cannot take it anymore... no human being can," lamented Zakiah Taha, 40, as she tended her paralysed daughter. She said her 17-year-old son had been missing since last year's battles.

Saad Abu Hatab, 60, sat on a broken chair and watched children play and women wash clothes in the schoolyard.

"I had a sick relative and I could not take him with me... he could not walk," he said.

In a candle-lit basement under the classrooms, a couple and their son tried to make themselves comfortable.

"We came for refuge in the school, but all the rooms were taken," said the woman. "Staying here is better than sleeping in the streets."

S. Yemeni premier to leave for Moscow

ADEN (R) — South Yemen's Prime Minister Youssef Sa'ad No'man will fly to Moscow Tuesday to talk to Kremlin leaders about strengthening mutual ties, official sources said.

It will be his first trip abroad since taking office in February

after bloody factional fighting that led to the ouster of President Ali Nasser Mohammad.

The sources said Mr. No'man, heading a high-level delegation, was expected to review economic and military ties between the two states, bound by a 20-year co-

operation and friendship treaty. Moscow has been Aden's main financial and political backer since the latter gained independence from Britain in 1967. South Yemen, the only Marxist-led Arab state, provides the Soviets with important military facilities.

Denktash party gains in N. Cyprus polls

NICOSIA (R) — The dominant National Unity Party (UNP) made gains at the expense of its coalition partner in early results Monday from elections in breakaway north Cyprus.

Some 960,000 Turkish Cypriots voted Sunday to elect 28 mayors, 202 town councillors and 1,008 village headmen and elders in the state, recognised only by Turkey.

First unofficial results showed the UNP winning 17 mayoral seats — four more than at the last polls in 1980.

Its partner in the legislative assembly, the Communal Liberation Party (TKP), had seven mayors

elects and the pro-Moscow Turkish Republican Party (CTP) four. In 1980, the TKP won nine mayoral seats and the CTP just one.

Political analysts speculated that the UNP, holding 24 seats in the 50-member assembly elected last year, could now dissolve its coalition with the TKP and go for fresh elections or a new alliance.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash, who founded the UNP but it now is an independent, kept out of the lively election campaign. On Monday he praised voters for an incident-free poll.

The UNP suffered one setback when its candidate Ramiz Man-

yera failed to unseat the TKP's popular mayor in north Nicosia, Mustafa Akinci.

TKP sources said Akinci won 48 per cent of the vote against Man'yera's 42.

The victory for 39-year old Akinci was his third since 1976. It follows a re-election triumph by his Greek-Cypriot counterpart across the "green line" of the divided capital, Mayor Leitos Demetriades, in polls a week earlier.

Mr. Akinci and Mr. Demetriades have won recognition and United Nations funding for dialogue cooperative schemes to develop and restore Nicosia.

Israel rejects plans for Lebanon pullout

TEL AVIV (AP) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Monday rejected a United Nations proposal that Israel withdraw its remaining forces from South Lebanon and turn over control to international peacekeepers, a Shamir aide said.

Shamir told U.N. envoy Marjorie Gouding that Israel would continue to secure its northern border through its alliance with the Falangist-led militia known as the South Lebanon Army, said the Foreign Ministry official.

Mr. Gouding proposed a phased withdrawal of the estimated 1,000 soldiers that Israel kept in South Lebanon after it withdrew its army one year ago, said the official, speaking on condition he was not identified. The Israelis occupied parts of Lebanon for three years following a 1982 invasion.

Mr. Gouding said U.N. forces could replace the Israeli troops, thus fulfilling a 1978 Security Council Resolution to deploy U.N. peacekeepers from the Israeli border northward, the official said.

Israel has blocked any attempt by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to take up pos-

itions along the border, claiming the peacekeepers would interfere with Israel's security patrols.

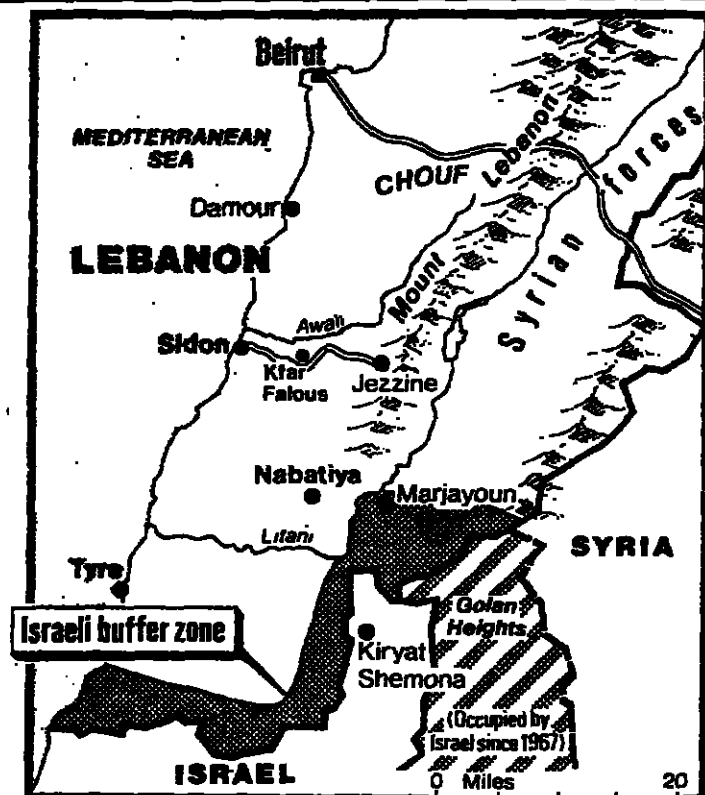
Mr. Gouding, the U.N. under-secretary general for political affairs, was reported by Lebanese newspapers to be bringing a guarantee from Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri that his Amal militia would maintain order in South Lebanon if the Israelis dismantled the security zone they operate with their allied Lebanese militia.

The Israeli official said he did not know if Mr. Berri's proposal was discussed in the closed one-hour meeting with Shamir.

In a related development, the new commander of UNIFIL assumed his post Monday. Maj.-Gen. Gustav Hagglund of Finland replaced Maj.-Gen. William Callaghan at a ceremony in the South Lebanese village of Naqura where UNIFIL is headquartered.

Meanwhile Israeli forces shelled the South Lebanese village of Kfar Tibnit Monday, killing two children and wounding three others. The victims were all members of one family, local police reported.

But the Israeli military command in Tel Aviv denied that Is-



raeli forces shelled Kfar Tibnit or used tanks and field artillery positioned on the Ali Taher Hills overlooking this market any other area in Lebanon.

Police in Nabatieh said the Israeli army in shelling Kfar Tibnit. The Israeli-aided "South Lebanon Army" militia also has artillery positions on the Ali Taher Hills.

SWAPO opens 'embassy' in Iran

TEHRAN (R) — Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), has left Tehran for Peking after opening a SWAPO "embassy" here.

He told reporters an envoy would be sent shortly. He said he had had "fruitful discussions" with Iranian President Ali Khamenei and other senior officials during his three-day visit to Iran.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati called the visit "very successful."

Soviet advisers reportedly in Lebanon

DUBAI (R) — A Palestinian commando leader was quoted Monday as saying Soviet military advisers were serving in Lebanon with Syrian forces.

Ahmad Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), told the Dubai daily Al Bayan this meant the Soviets had come to see Syria's security interests as extending into Lebanon.

"While the Soviet experts are in Lebanon with the Syrian forces, this means they consider the security of Syria is there in Lebanon," he said.

Jibril said that Moscow believed that any Syrian setback in Lebanon would benefit the United States.

The Damascus-based PFLP-GC, a radical splinter group formed in 1969, is backed by Syria and Libya and opposes Mr. Yasser Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Jibril said the front had ties with radical Palestinian and international movements, including Palestinian commando Abu Nidal, the Japanese Red Army,

Italy's Red Brigades, the West German Baader Meinhof gang and Basque separatists.

He denied it was a terrorist organisation and said these groups represented oppressed people.

"We don't have war planes or destroyers or missiles that could fight the United States. That's why we will confront Washington and Tel Aviv through weak points which we feel are suitable," Jibril said.

He said he opposed recent calls by Algeria for a conference to reconcile Palestinian factions.

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TODAY'S EVENTS	
* "Circus from the Federal Republic of Germany at the Goolin Institute (until June 5)	
* A panoramic exhibition of the French scene at the French Cultural Centre (until June 4).	
CIRCUS	
* Romanian Circus daily at Al Hussein Sports City.	
LECTURE	
* Dr. Richard Anton, ACOR senior fellow and a professor of anthropology at the State University of New York at Binghamton, will lecture on "The Impact of education and migration in rural Jordan," at 8:30 p.m. at the new ACOR building, opposite the University of Jordan Hospital.	
THEATRE	
* "Le mime prade" at 9:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.	
NEWS	
* The ABC News at 5:00 p.m. at the American Centre.	
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NEWS IN BRIEF

King contributes to Zakat fund

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has contributed JD 16,000 to the alms (Zakat) fund, a report in the Arabic daily newspaper Al-Rai said Monday. Zakat is collected from every Muslim who can afford to pay it at the rate of 2.5 per cent of his income and this is given to poor people and those in need. The alms fund started distributing the royal contribution to destitute people in and outside Amman, the report added.

Decree endorses conscription law

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the conscription law and the military reserves service law. Another Royal Decree has been issued approving the roads law for the year 1986. The law defines bases governing the classification of roads and their maintenance.

Jordan, Greece to discuss trade ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Industry and Trade Under Secretary Mohammad Al Saqqaf will leave for the Greek capital of Athens Tuesday at the head of a Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the joint Greek-Jordanian economic committee. The committee will discuss commercial ties between the two countries in addition to increasing the volume of Jordanian exports of phosphates, fertilisers and potash to Greece. Mr. Saqqaf will also sign a touristic cooperation agreement with the Greek authorities.

Palestine police team due Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Palestine Police-Old Comrades Association (PPOCA) will arrive here on Wednesday for a several day visit to Jordan. During their visit, the delegation will meet a number of public security officials and will visit a number of archaeological and historical sites. The PPOCA's membership was originally restricted to British police until 1980 when it started accepting Arabs as members provided that they served with the Palestine Police. The association issues a quarterly newsletter with an editorial board comprising senior British police officers.

Hmoud forms joint services council

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Al Hmoud has decided to set up a joint services council for the villages of Salt, Butna and Um Zaitouna. The mayor of Salt, Dr. Abdul Razzaq Nsour, was appointed chairman of the council.

Court sentences embezzler

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Ali Mohammad Hamed to 3½ years imprisonment with hard labour for embezzling public funds. The general military governor has endorsed the sentence.

Committee to report on road accidents

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Governor Ahmad Al Hindawi has formed a committee which will submit a detailed monthly report to him about road accidents, their causes and the casualties, injuries, deaths and damages resulting from them. The report will be submitted to the Amman traffic committee for review during its meetings in order to take the necessary measures.

Tafieh prepares for tawjihi exams

TAFILEH (J.T.) — The Department of Education in Tafieh has made preparations for holding the second term tawjihi examinations and the admission examination for the secondary stage, a department spokesman said Sunday. The spokesman, Mr. Abdul Hafiz Al Khamesh, said nearly 12,000 students from both groups will be sitting in 11 halls provided by the department. Other preparations for students taking both exams are underway in various regions of the Kingdom. The eight-day exam session is due to start on June 12.



KING LEAVES: His Majesty King Hussein bids farewell to cabinet members prior to his departure for France en route to the U.S. on Monday (Petra photo)

Obeidi outlines CAEU's activities as council marks 22 years of Arab economic work

AMMAN (J.T.) — The creation of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) has paved the way for the emergence of creative Arab work in economy and science and has contributed towards establishing an integrated Arab economy, CAEU Secretary General Mahdi Al Obeidi said in a statement Monday.

He said that the CAEU has led to the creation of the Arab Common Market, set up to develop trade among Arab states and to promote economic cooperation between Arab League member states.

The statement, issued on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of the establishment of the CAEU, said that continued efforts over the past 22 years have led to the creation of joint Arab companies and unions which have participated in the development of Arab countries and the regional organisation of trade, industry, agriculture and communications.

These companies and pan-Arab unions have been instrumental in enlarging the base of production and promoting marketing and have helped to bring about free movement of Arab citizens within the Arab World, he said. They have also facilitated the flow of capital from one country to another, Mr. Obeidi continued.

The CAEU, he added, has brought about greater activity in trade exchange among Arab states and has given impetus to transit and travel operations through airports, seaports and over land as well as creating better opportunities for employment.

The creation of the CAEU in 1964 was based on the concept of enhancing pan-Arab cooperation and coordination in economic fields. The CAEU has an advanced step leading towards interaction among Arab economies and achieving progress for all Arab states, Mr. Obeidi said.

This anniversary, he continued, serves as a good opportunity for conducting an assessment of past stages and the difficulties encountered and to overcome the circumstances impeding proper joint Arab economic action.

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Police arrest gang of 11 young thieves

By Ahmad Kreshan

AMMAN — A gang of thieves comprising 11 students aged between 14 and 22 years have recently been arrested in Amman after stealing jewellery and electrical equipment worth JD 15,000 Major Fayez Al Masa'adeh, chief of the Shmeisani police division has said.

Maj. Masa'adeh said that the thieves stole jewellery, video sets, televisions, cameras and a motorcycle from 18 different locations. Maj. Masa'adeh also said that a woman went to the Shmeisani police station to report a theft which took place in her cousin's house in Shmeisani. The woman said her cousin is in the United States and that one day she went to check on the house and noticed that a video and two colour television sets were missing.

On another occasion, Maj. Masa'adeh said another member of the public called at the police station to report a theft. The man said when he returned to his house one evening he was surprised to see that the door of his house had been removed and JD 250 and a gold chain had been stolen.

On May 21, a lady went to the police station saying that when she returned to her house the evening before, she found that a camera, a video, a gold chain, four earrings, a bracelet, a watch and a pair of white pearl earrings had been stolen.

On May 18, another man reported that he had returned his house one evening to find that the lock of the door had been broken and JD 1,000, a gold lighter and a ring had been stolen.

Maj. Masa'adeh added that on May 27 a man came to the station to report that electrical equipment had been stolen from his car which was parked in front of his house. The man informed the police that he suspected somebody, who later identified as L and who had been standing by the car the night before.

The suspect was brought to the police station and admitted that he, in cooperation with nine others, had stolen the equipment and a motor bike from Al Rashid housing estate. He also admitted having stolen other items from several houses.

After admitting his involvement in the thefts, he was taken to his house under escort, and his house was thoroughly searched. The police found a gold ring, silver chains and a number of gold chains.

When he had been informed about the results of the investigation, the director of Amman Police, Lieutenant-General Nasouh Muhyeddin, issued instructions for the police to arrest all the involved students. On May 27 criminal court police and a number of policemen arrested the 11 students.

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Queen Alia Fund takes positive steps to promote social development

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF) launches into its recently announced second five-year plan, the moment seems right to assess what the fund is all about, what it has achieved in the years since its inception and what it hopes to go on to do.

Although the name is familiar to many, few in fact know what the QAF actually does and considering the vast amount of good and worthwhile work the fund has carried out this comparative anonymity is a testimony to the society's quiet effectiveness.

Founded in 1978 by Royal Decree in memory of the late Queen Alia, the honorary chairman of the fund, His Majesty King Hussein handed over the responsibility of running the fund to Her Royal Highness Princess Basma.

From her position as head of a 12-member board of trustees, Princess Basma has from that time onwards been involved in all phases of the fund's activities from the fund raising to the planning aspects and even in the execution of the projects.

Princess Basma plays a crucial role within the fund, member of the board of trustees of the QAF and its official spokesman. Dr. Zaki Ayoubi told the Jordan Times, "and the fact that His Majesty and the people of Jordan have a lot of goodwill in the Arab World and in the world and at large explains the support the QAF has obtained over the years."

Dr. Ayoubi epitomises the fund. Extremely bright and articulate and in touch with every aspect of the society's many projects, he went on to the talk at some length about the fund with a mixture of enthusiasm, modesty and pride.

"The QAF is a national, private voluntary organisation with the broad mission of supporting private voluntary organisations in Jordan. The fund tries to do this in several ways, but the cycle of work always starts with the gathering of facts," Dr. Ayoubi explained.

Surveys on social problems, community needs

When the fund was first established, they realised that there was very little data available on specific social problems, on the needs of the community, on what social services were available and what the needs of those services were. So during the period 1978 to 1981, the QAF carried out extensive studies and surveys for what was in fact the first time in Jordan. Executed by specialists, the surveys covered previously unstudied groups such as the handicapped, rural women, social workers etc.

In addition to these studies, seminars were held in which participating experts from a variety of official and private organisations discussed certain needs and social problems and the best way of tackling them. In this way the problems and areas of need were identified and evaluated. The surveys, studies and seminars are still very much a part of the QAF's work, the latest studies being carried out only last year on the disabled of 12 villages in the Karak and Tafieh area and on "the socio-economic attributes of the family in the city of Mafrq in 1985."

This latter study tried to identify the local priorities, i.e. what the people of Mafrq really wanted, and the programme provided thus addressed itself to the needs of the locals as they saw it.

"Once the studies are somewhat developed and we have found out what is being done and what is not being done, we then sponsor a pioneering project," Dr. Ayoubi said.

Pioneering centres

It was thus that the fund established four pioneering centres for the handicapped in Jordan namely, the Amman Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped in Wadi Seer, the Yarmouk Centre

for Education and Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped in Irbid, the Al-Raja' Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Hearing Impaired in Yajouz, and the Mu'ta Centre for Special Education in Ader-Karak.

"Our aim, however," Dr. Ayoubi continued, "is not to do everything but simply to awaken interest, to show it can be done and to some extent how it can be done."

All the centres were thus established, equipped and then handed over to the most competent private voluntary organisation which the fund thought would be the most able to manage each centre.

"We are therefore not trying to expand as a bureaucracy. We obtain funds, we build, we equip and then we look for the most suitable voluntary organisation to run the place, under a management contract. Our role then becomes one of monitoring and support," Dr. Ayoubi said.

While the fund was executing the handicapped projects, they continued to carry out their studies and made some interesting discoveries about Jordanian society in general.

Society in transition

"We found out that Jordanian society was a society in transition, one that had undergone a huge upheaval in the last 30 years. Our social setting has changed dramatically from a society which was mostly farmers and bedouins to a society that is mostly urban. In other words, in one generation, the structure of society has changed from being one third urban and two thirds rural to two thirds urban and one third rural. If we add to this internal social change, the external pressure of military occupation of some areas and of forced emigration of many Palestinians, we find that many times local communities no longer have new institutions to replace the old ones," explained Dr. Ayoubi.

So in an attempt to help solve these problems the fund started to establish a network of social development centres through which the local communities in a village or a neighbourhood could propose, develop and implement projects which they think are needed in their communities. Since the early 1980's the fund has built eight centres for social services in "Madiaba, Hisban, Ma'een, Mith, Mafrq, Za'atari, Al-Nuzha and Ghor Al-Mazra'a."

"In each place a local socio-economic survey was carried out and in each place we found the same basic range of problems," said Dr. Ayoubi. "This is of course because we are one society. However, what was different was the priorities in each area, for example women's illiteracy was rated differently in different areas," he continued.

Social development centres

To take these differences into account, the fund offered a range of programmes and each area decided on the priority and size of programmes needed. In general, all the social centres addressed themselves to certain sections of society that are not so well catered for by the official system — small children, youth and women.

"The system here provides for children when they reach the age of six and enter school and have medical checkups etc. Before that they are at home — kindergartens and nurseries only really being found in Amman and then only in certain areas. We try therefore to provide a programme for children between the ages of three and six years of age, which means that they gain access to a whole new section of our population, to teach them how to take care of their teeth, the importance of cleanliness, of good nutrition, of the need for greater social interaction and exposure to other children outside the family circle. We can also detect at a much earlier age any physical or mental disabilities, which is very important," Dr. Ayoubi said.

A tour of the kindergartens set up in the villages of Jordan by local societies will all show the tell-tale signs of QAF's support

and help — in the tiny but sturdy tables and chairs, in the selection of educational toys and by the decorations on the walls — legacies from the training course the fund provided for kindergarten teachers.

Boredom is another big problem for children so for the six to eleven age group the fund helps the local societies to set up children's clubs, which provide books and all kinds of activities, especially during the long summer break from school.

Activities for women

For women, the fund helps to start various vocational training programmes and, although these courses differ from village to village, they usually provide at minimal cost instruction in knitting, sewing and typing, on machines usually provided by the fund.

As well as the training courses the fund organises lectures by specialists — doctors, lawyers etc for the women. Often accompanied by films, discussions and workshops, these lectures which have dealt with such subjects as women's rights and family health and planning, have proved to be immensely popular and successful.

Held in the multi-purpose hall all the centres are equipped with, these lectures also provide a meeting place for the women who rarely meet people outside their own family circle.

The fund also provides special classes in maths and English for students as well as much needed training courses for teachers of the kindergartens, of the sewing classes and for those involved with the handicapped.

In each case the fund supports not only financially but also with knowhow and in kind assistance.

Reviewing programmes

"In the last two months of every year the fund meets and discusses which societies we will work with in the following year. Once the plan is set, our social workers go out and examine these societies, the objectives, their organisation, their programmes and their beneficiaries, to find out in which way we can best assist them in developing and improving their programmes. We then follow this development with support in kind, in technical expertise and with money," Dr. Ayoubi said.

To do all these things the QAF must have funds and fund raising is a pre-requisite for everything else. Although the funds are raised in a variety of ways, the QAF relies entirely on local, Arab and international contributions.

Five-year plan

The second five-year plan (1986-1990) has an estimated budget of JD 6 million and provides for the continuation of the funds philanthropic role in participating in the process of promoting and developing voluntary social work in Jordan. It also provides for the continuation of conducting studies and seminars concerning social problems and for the training of people to work in the social field. The fund will continue to extend its financial and technical support of the various projects and programmes of private voluntary organisations in Jordan in order to promote and develop their services.

Specifically the fund plans to establish ten new social projects which will include a centre for education and rehabilitation of the hearing impaired in Irbid, a centre for education and rehabilitation of the hearing impaired in Karak, a centre for education and rehabilitation of mentally retarded children in Irbid, a centre for education and rehabilitation of mentally retarded children in Tafieh, a centre for social development in Jabal Al-Nuzha in Amman, a centre for social development in Zarqa, a centre for social development in Jerash and finally fifteen new centres for basic social services in the rural, and nomadic areas of Jordan as well as two annexes to existing centres in Irbid and Zarqa.



The San Francisco Brass Quintet

Quintet to bring the best of brass to Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The San Francisco Brass Quintet, currently on a tour of the region, will be visiting Jordan under the auspices of the American Cultural Centre. The ensemble consists of two trumpets, trombone, French horn and tuba. Their concert, will take place in the swimming pool area of the Marriott Hotel on June 9, at 7:00 p.m. The quintet's programme includes light classical, jazz and popular music, according to a press release issued by the American Cultural Centre in Amman.

The San Francisco Brass members are: Brian Anderson, trumpet, John Pearson, on trumpet,

Douglas Hall on French horn, Graig McAmis, trombone and Forrest Byram, tuba.

All of the members are experienced musicians who performed with major symphonies and orchestras before joining together in 1984 to form the San Francisco Brass. Critics have described the group as "distinctive, forward, bright." In addition to their solid musicianship, the San Francisco Brass have been lauded for "warm humour" which transforms their instruments into "a chorus of voices that warble and sing to the ear's delight," the press release said.

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A group of mothers bring their children to one of the fund's health education programmes.

Arab-Islamic medicine and its influence on the Latin West

The following article is the second in a two-part series on the history of Arab-Islamic medicine. The writer describes the significant contributions made to medical knowledge by Islamic physicians noting that it is called 'Arab medicine' by some historians because it was written in Arabic and by others 'Islamic medicine' because it flourished under the banner of Islam.

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Philosophical works of Al-Razi

Al-Razi wrote about two hundred works on medicine, philosophy, alchemy and other subjects. These vary in size from short treatises to voluminous textbooks and encyclopaedic works.

His book *al-Sira al-falsafiyya* (Philosophical conduct) throws light on his personal qualities: "I have neither shown avarice nor extravagance; nor have I had any disputes or quarrels; nor have I ever acted unjustly against anyone. On the contrary, I have been known to surrender my own rights. As regards food, drink, and amusement, my frequent guests know that I have never exceeded any reasonable limits. The same is also true of all the conditions of my life, as may be noted from my clothing and mount, and my servants and householders."

In his *Spiritual physic*, the first chapter "On the excellence and praise of reason," includes an Al-Razi assertion that reason (*al-aql*) is the ultimate authority which "should govern, and not be governed; should control, and not be controlled; should lead, and not be led."

The uncritical authority given to books was unacceptable to al-Razi. He devoted a large book *Fi'l-Shukuk ala Jablun* (Doubts about Galen; *Dubitationes in Galenum*), so far unpublished, to the criticism of precepts in twenty-eight of Galen's books, beginning with *al-Burhan* (Demonstration) and ending with his large book *Fi'l-nabih* (On the pulse). In his introduction to the *Dubitationes in Galenum*, al-Razi acknowledges with humility his debt to Galen, declaring that he himself is Galen's follower and disciple. Al-Razi adds that Galen was a leading master and a great teacher of both philosophy and medicine. Nevertheless, al-Razi argues that since the art of healing is a philosophy it can neither renounce criticism nor can it tolerate sub-

mission to the authority of books. In the same book, he also writes that Galen himself censured his students and followers who accepted knowledge unsubstantiated by the demonstrative method.

Al-Razi believed in the progress of scientific knowledge. He writes in *Fi'l-muhatal-labib wa-tayin* (On examining doctors and on appointing them), "the who studies the works of the Ancients gains the experience of their labour as if he himself had lived thousands of years spent on investigation." In *Liberal Alimnorem* he adds that one cannot achieve anything significant in the art, even if he devotes all his time to it, unless he reads the books of his predecessors. The tenets known to us today, he writes, were discovered over thousands of years by thousands of doctors. When we study their books, all their discoveries become ours in a short time as if we have lived all their years and discovered all their doctrines. He who does not read the medical books of our predecessors in order to visualise the symptoms of disease, as portrayed by them, will fail in clinical diagnosis. In his short book *al-Murshid aw al-fusul* (The guide or Aphorisms), al-Razi again writes on the interrelation between theory and practice; in addition to theory, doctors must practise the art; those who examine patients without previously acquiring a theoretical background are unworthy of this noble profession, and will miss symptoms of disease at the bedside. Al-Razi borrows from the Holy Quran (*Surat Yusuf, Aya 105*) to illustrate this aphorism: "And how many a sign in heavens and the earth which they pass by, yet they turn aside from it."

The general history of medicine, and indeed of all sciences, provides examples of men inheriting false doctrines from their predecessors, probably lacking the courage of dissent from established beliefs. Al-Razi's criticism of Galen therefore marks a new and laudable trend in the history of Arabic-Islamic thought.

It is from textual statements, not from secondary sources, that one may learn about the authors themselves. The fact that al-Razi practised surgery in addition to internal medicine may be surmised from his criticism of Galen's *Fi'l-tarkib al-adwiya* (On the compounding of drugs). Al-Razi writes in his *Dubitationes in Galenum*: "One can rightly censure Galen and blame him for his prolixity and repetitions on the subject of 'ointments', in his book *Jataniyas* (On the compounding of drugs according to genera); he writes as if he has no pity for doctors' time. Does he have anything better to do? We never use any of the ointments prescribed by Galen. We pay great attention to the art of surgery and have treated major cases. None of the other physicians like to use Galen's ointments. Nevertheless, we should praise Galen very highly and commend him for the lessons he has taught us in therapeutics in neurosurgery (*Mudawat jirahat al-asab*)."

Medical works of al-Razi

Evidence from manuscripts and printed sources of al-Razi's best known work *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb* (*Continens*) shows without any doubt that it was merely a commonplace book, an aide-memoire, and a private record of the author's comments and reflections on case-histories of his patients and on medical books written from the time of Hippocrates down to al-Razi's own time. In the fourth (tenth century) *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb* would have been considered the private library of a well-read and highly-educated physician. Subject-matter in *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb* begins with diseases of the head and works down towards those of the feet (*min'at-qarn ila'l-qadam*). In it, al-Razi recorded his own opinions and personal experiences, identifying them with the possessive Arabic expression *li* (mine or my own). From these private notes he selected material for his well-written books, such as *al-Jami al-kabir* (The great collection), *al-Jadiri wa'l-habsh* (Smallpox and measles), *al-Adwiya al-mufrada* (Materia medica), and *al-Mansuri fi'l-tibb*.

Clinical observations concerning illness which affected al-Razi himself are preserved in *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb*. In one remark he writes that an effective treatment he had used for inflammation of his uvula, was gargling with strong vinegar. In another note he writes of his swollen right testicle, a matter that did not worry him because he did not feel any pain and adds that he used emetics until he recovered.

Al-Hawi fi'l-tibb was rendered into Latin (*Continens*) by a Sicilian translator, Faraj Ibn Salim, at the order of King Charles of Anjou. This arduous assignment occupied the translator's lifetime and was completed in 1279 CE. Al-Razi's *Continens* was printed in Brescia (1486) and in Venice (1500, 1506, 1509, and 1542). An Arabic edition was recently printed in Hyderabad-Deccan (1955-1971) in 23 volumes.

It is understandable that the title of *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb* should not appear anywhere in al-Razi's writings; an author does not cite from his private notes in his published works. On the other hand, al-Razi repeatedly boasts of the high quality of his encyclopaedic work in twelve parts: *al-Jami al-kabir* (Great collective work). He mentions in it his *Philosophical conduct*, *The guide or Aphorisms*, *Dubitationes in Galenum*, and *al-Aqribadhim al-mukhtasar* (Abridged formulary). Most of the new part of *al-Jami al-kabir* are now lost, although the book entitled *Savadat al-tibb* (Pharmacy in medicine), a part of *al-Jami al-kabir*, has survived in several manuscripts. In it al-Razi argues that pharmacy is a subsidiary branch which ministers to medicine. Studying this subject during leisure is a sign of the doctor's great interest in his profession. Another part of *al-Jami al-kabir* which has been identified recently in manuscripts is *Fi'l-tahsil al-asma wa'l-awzan wa'l-makayil* (On finding the meaning of unfamiliar terms, weights and measures). It is a type of polyglot lexicon in which each unfamiliar term — whether Greek, Syriac, Persian, Indian or even Arabic — is placed in a column followed by a definition or translation of the term in an opposite column.

Men of noble birth according to al-Razi were entitled to certain considerations when prescribing.

Unpleasant tastes of drugs should be hidden in sweet and palatable vehicles. All this is explained in his book *al-Tibb al-muluki* (Royal medicine), but he did not neglect the poor, for whom he wrote *Man la yadurh al-tibb* (who has no physician to attend him), also known as *Tibb al-fuqara* (Medicine of the poor).

Al-Razi's book *Khawass al-ashya* (*Properties of things*) deals, among other things, with the role of alchemy in the service of medicine. Its subject-matter reveals his opposition to scientific dogmas. In his introduction to this book he argues that properties attributed to things should be recorded in books; in so doing, nothing would be lost but the time of writing them down. These properties, he adds, should neither be accepted nor denied unless experience (*al-tajribah*) proves them to be true or false. "Since many wise people tell lies with regard to such properties, and we do not possess decisive means to distinguish the truth of rightful men from the false testimony of liars, save only actual experience — it will be useful not to leave these claims scattered, but to collect and write them all. We shall not accept anything as authentic unless it has been examined and tried."

Al-Razi earned himself a great reputation as a clinical observer. He read the case-histories of the Hippocratic *Epidemics* and decided that it would be useful for posterity to write his own case-histories, in which he meticulously recorded the patients' names, ages, sexes, and professions. These case-histories are to be found in his private notes *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb*, in which he also gives an early example of an up-to-date clinical trial. He treats a group of patients suffering from meningitis (*al-siran*) with blood-letting, and intentionally, as a control, he leaves another group of patients without bleeding them: "so that I may form the right opinion of the effectiveness of blood-letting."

Al-Razi established unmistakable differential diagnosis, based on accurate clinical observation, between smallpox and measles. This was the subject of a whole book, *Fi'l-jadiri wa'l-habsh* (On smallpox and measles), which has been highly rated by historians of medicine. It was translated into Latin and many other occidental

languages and was printed about forty times between 1498 and 1866 CE: an Arabic edition (with a Latin translation) appeared in London (1766), a Greek translation was printed in Paris (1548), while Latin editions were published in Venice (1498, 1555), Basle (1529, 1544), Strasbourg (1549), London (1747) and Göttingen (1781). In addition, a French translation was printed in Paris (1762) and an English translation by W.A. Greenhill was printed in London (1848). In this book, in which he shows the depth of his knowledge of Galen's medical literature, al-Razi begins by listing the works in which Galen mentioned smallpox and measles: *On the compounding of drugs according to genera* (book 1), *On the pulse* (book XIV), *On the uses of organs* (book IX), and *Galen's Commentary on Plato's Timaeus* (book IV). Then he expresses his surprise that Galen failed to differentiate between these two diseases. The remainder of the book is devoted to the differential diagnosis and therapy of smallpox and measles. In *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb*, al-Razi also asserts that Galen and his predecessor Andromachus (c.50CE) were acquainted with smallpox and measles but failed to mention any differential diagnosis between them. It is interesting to note that in *al-Hawi fi'l-tibb* al-Razi writes that the eruption of measles occurs suddenly while those of smallpox appear gradually and are slightly elevated, in contrast to the characteristic red spots of measles.

Al-Razi's books remained for centuries among the textbooks in the curricula of European universities, including *Continens*, *De variolis et morbillis*, *Liberal Alimnorem* (the *Nonus Alimnorem* was printed several times separately, together with commentaries), *Liberal regis*, *Liberal divisionum* and many other works. His medical works had great influence on the teaching of medicine in the Latin West, and as a physician-philosopher he ranks among the greatest. His philosophical views were attacked by his contemporaries and immediate successors such as Ibn Sina (died 428 AH (1037 CE)), al-Biruni (died c. 443 AH (1052 CE)), and Ibn Hazam (died 456 AH (1064 CE)); however, recent studies have rated them highly.

Assessing inflation's ten-year impact

NO country was immune to the inflation scourge that plagued economies throughout the world during the 10 years between 1974 and 1984, but some fared better than others.

From among 69 countries — in Africa, 18 in the Americas, 13 in Asia, 20 in Europe and five in Oceania — Switzerland reported the lowest inflation rate for the economically turbulent decade. The Swiss rate of change in the general consumer price indices of 42.7 per cent was followed by Singapore's 43.3 per cent, Federal Republic of Germany's 52.9 per cent, Panama's 70.3 per cent, Japan's 72 per cent, Austria's 72.4 per cent and the Netherlands' 77.4 per cent, according to data published in the 1984 and 1985 editions of the ILO Year Book of Labour Statistics.

During the survey period inflation hit hard in Latin America where Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru were burdened with staggering five-digit rates of change in consumer price indices. Israel was the only other country to experience runaway inflation reaching the five-digit mark.

More than one-third of the 69 countries experienced moderate inflation of less than 200 per cent but over 100 per cent increase in

their general consumer price indices over the 10 years.

Four of these countries were in Africa, seven in the Americas, five in Asia, seven in Europe and four in Oceania in Oceania.

Most of the East European countries recorded very low changes over the years with the exception of Yugoslavia with 1046.7 per cent and Poland with a more moderate 388.2 per cent. Other European countries with relatively high inflation for the decade were Greece with 417.1 per cent, Italy with 339.7 per cent and Spain with 348.6 per cent. Among the Middle East and Asian countries, Iran's inflation was second highest — after Israel — with a rate of 372.7 per cent for the 10-year period. In Africa, Tanzania was highest with 595.3 per cent.

The per cent changes in the general indices were calculated by comparing 1974 annual averages with those of 1984.

Differences between the rates of changes experienced by countries are due not only to the different price changes but also to the methodology used for calculating the indices, according to ILO statistician Mrs. Khin Khin Nu who carried out the survey — ILO feature.

Poised between two worlds

There is a cloud on the sun-filled horizon of the Azores: the impact of recent EEC accession by Portugal. David White, recently in the islands, outlines the drawbacks and opportunities.

NOT many places are quite as far away from anywhere else as the Azores. The nearest land, Madeira, is 500 nautical miles away, Lisbon 800, New York over 2,000. On a north-south line from the most westerly islands, there is nothing else between Greenland and the Antarctic.

Unspoiled, well-preserved and unpopulated; part of Portugal but for the last 10 years enjoying a fair measure of autonomy under their own government, the islands lie somewhere between the old and new worlds.

They were colonised 500 years ago and have echoes both of continental Europe and — especially in the boom-and-bust cycles which have characterised their economic history — Brazil.

The other side of the New World is there too, in the cocoon of American civilisation at the Lajes U.S. air base, which flies in its own milk to a milk-producing island.

This western outpost of the EEC is made up of nine inhabited islands, together about the size of Luxembourg, strung out loosely along roughly the same latitude as Lisbon and Washington DC. Meteorological science has produced the result that they are heard of less in their own right than as the "weather-kitchen" of Europe. The permanent Azores anticyclone — revolving air currents around a high-pressure zone — more or less decides, when it edges north in summer, what weather the continent will receive.

However, the islands have other claims for being on the map. At crucial stages of Portuguese history they have played a big part — the place-names Angra do Heroísmo and Praia da Vitória commemorate their role in the cause against absolutism during the "war of the two brothers" in the 1830s — and their strategic position is still regarded as vital to NATO.

For generations of travellers they also served as a mid-way port of call and first landfall. But the staging-post role has largely gone these days. While elsewhere communications have expanded, here they have shrunk. Liners rarely call — though transatlantic yachtsmen do — and U.S. airlines which used to make stopovers no longer do so.

This increased isolation, aggravated by high freight costs, has been joined by worries about the islands' future in the EEC. The mainland Portuguese market for dairy and meat from the Azores, the main export and in the post-war period the most dynamic sector of the economy, will become exposed to competition from northern Europe.

Although funds from the EEC will give the islands a shot in the arm, and although they can now tap a much larger market if they can send quality produce at competitive prices, there may be problems in store.

The regional government, which has stayed in the hands of the centrist Social Democrat Party (PSD), currently in power in Lisbon, has put on the best face possible. But nobody really knows how the EEC will work out, and a certain ambivalence reigns on the issue.

Since the first settlements, the Azores have been through a long series of economic cycles involving various exports — wheat, wood, oranges for ships' stores and for the English market, whaling, and in more recent times pineapples grown in whitewashed greenhouses, chiorio for coffee, sugar-beet, and above all dairy farming. People do not like to talk in terms of the "cow cycle," exp-

ecting that the Common Agricultural Policy will at least keep dairy farming going and that it will not go the way of all the other cycles.

Until Portugal's 1974 revolution, the islands, split into three administrative districts, suffered from a neglect which Dr. Joao Bosco Mota Amaral, the current Azores president, puts down simply to bad government. Like the Azores' three football teams today, they played in Portugal's third division.

The autonomous government has taken on the hard task of forging a united regional identity. Catering to inter-island rivalries, especially between the two largest islands of Sao Miguel and Terceira, has meant adopting an extraordinarily unwieldy government system, with the president on one island, the 44-member assembly gathering on another, part of the government based on yet another, and government meetings held at least once a year on each of the line.

However, autonomy has brought clear benefits by giving the archipelago its own voice in the country's affairs, including internationally. The Azores and Madeira both have a clause in their statutes enabling them to participate in negotiations on any treaties and agreements which affect them directly.

The PSD's apparently unassailable majority and a low level of union activity have given the islands political and labour stability contrasting with the turbulence and chops and changes of national politics. Under the autonomy statute, the regional government is free to manage tax receipts — both those raised locally and those transferred from the state — and has some fiscal differences (a lower VAT rate), but it wants its powers extended so that it can organise its own tax system.

Some progress has been made in narrowing the gap with the mainland, but per capita income is still only 60 per cent of Portugal's and less than one-fifth of the EEC average, and there is a serious housing problem.

Adult illiteracy — although now mainly affecting the over 40s — was measured five years ago as 23 per cent, and among the farming population as 32 per cent.

The government has so far concentrated on channelling funds into ports and airports. It is now looking to ways of creating wealth within the islands by promoting industrial investment and tourism. Farms and fishing cannot continue to give work to almost 30 per cent of the population. Dr. Mota Amaral says his aim has been to "stem the historic tradition, which is to export people."

The population has fallen from 328,000 in 1960 to 250,000. Although emigration has slowed — about 1,000 a year in recent years, compared with annual rates of 9,000 or 10,000 — and figures now indicate some demographic growth, some islands have ageing populations. There has been little inflow of people from the mainland this century.

However, many people are sceptical, and some rather anti-development, preferring things the way they are. A compromise of sorts is called for, since the way things are is the Azores' best asset for tourism. The islands, though mild, do not have a fantastic climate for sun-seekers — or else they would have been discovered long ago. But they provide scenery every bit as changeable as the weather, a good deal of original atmosphere, and a fair guarantee that the visitor will not be mugged or harassed. — Financial Times

Christians worrying less about Hell, scholar says

NEW YORK (AP) — Hell seems to have cooled considerably in contemporary Christian thought or even disappeared, a church historian says.

Past grisly images of hell have faded in recent religious literature, including theology texts, he says, and polls show less belief in such a fate than in the existence of heaven.

The Reverend Martin E. Marty, a Lutheran scholar of the University of Chicago Divinity School, says that even in fundamentalist preaching the old threats of "hellfire and damnation" have lost their ability to cause trembling.

He says the passing of hell from modern consciousness is "one of the major if still largely undocumented modern trends."

In the past, he says, the faithful pictured God as damning some people to eternal, burning torment. Nowadays, he says, chu-

rchies tend not to portray God in those awful terms.

"Hell seems to have cooled, waned or even disappeared," Mr. Marty says. "Yet faith endures."

Mr. Marty, writing in *The Lutheran*, a semiofficial magazine of the Lutheran Church in America, says that past portrayals of hell often came from nonbiblical literature, art and folklore.

Yet even without the forbidding imagery, "damnation can remain," he says.

In an article entitled "Whatever Happened to Hell," Mr. Marty says theologians report that hell is among the "teachings they are wrestling with today."

However, he says, hell is given little contemporary prominence either in Roman Catholic or Protestant thought.

In theology books, "it tums up in reference to other religions and in the Christian past," he says. "There are few contemporary ref-

erences, and they lack the temperature and colour of such books in the past."

Mr. Marty says one of the most significant shifts of modern times in Roman Catholicism "is the decline of purgatory and hell," past fears of which bound an older generation to various regulations. "Catholics joined other Christians note in repelling doctrines of eternal damnation but by ceasing to make much of them," Mr. Marty says.

A 1980 Gallup poll found that 71 per cent of Americans believed in an afterlife, the same proportion believing in heaven, but only 53 per cent believed in hell, even of an unspecified nature.

While surveys indicate many still believe there is some sort of hell, Mr. Marty says, they do not see it as a threat to them. Only 1 per cent did so in a 1983 survey of readers of the monthly U.S. Catholic, published in Chicago by the

Clergyman Fathers.

Aside from the tormenting imagery of hell in literary works, theology historically has taken varying views of it, ranging from self-willed desolation or extinction to painful rehabilitation.

Mr. Marty says most theologians now maintain hell is not just damnation, but a "positive punishment," beyond which "everything else on this profoundly mysterious question is only speculation."

As to reasons for the decline in emphasis on hell, he says some religious thinkers give "with psychologists and tell you that eternal hell declined because temporal ones are sufficiently effective."

Yet, he says, most theologians warn against a tendency that "sentimentalises and loses God's dark side, the mysterious, threatening, impassioned, justice-seeking element in the God revealed in the Bible."

European software honours go to French

International Data Corporation has just released its latest figures. France is top in software and services, but the figures should be treated with caution, says Alisa Cane.

LONDON — France dominates the West European software and services market with 10 of its companies in the 1984 European top 20, the latest figures from International Data Corporation (IDC) show.

According to IDC, only two U.S. companies, Seicon International and Thom EMI, were in the top 20 in 1984, and there were only 11 U.K. companies in the top 100.

Figures soon to be published are expected to show significant moves up the chart by Logica, Hoskyns and CMG Group.

The IDC figures have to be treated with some caution. They apply, for example, only to sales within Western Europe. The U.K. company Logica, with substantial sales outside Europe, would have appeared higher up the table if world-wide sales had been taken into account.

French software companies, furthermore, supply substantial amounts of custom-written software to French customers and this exaggerates their significance in the ranking tables.

The IDC figures, nevertheless, reinforced worries at British government and industry level about the performance of the U.K. software and services industry.

Among measures planned are: — A study, to be undertaken by IDC in cooperation with the consultants Coopers and Lybrand, of the European services industry and its performance with respect to the U.S. and Japan; and

— A study by Pactiv, the computing and telecommunications

arm of PA Management Consultants, of the "tradeable information" industry. This includes such products as electronic data bases, videotex and value added network services.

Ms. Lilian Shapiro, managing director of IDC, speaking at IDC's computer industry briefing in London, emphasised the fragmented nature of the market. The top five vendors in France had 20.1 per cent of the French market, she said, while the top five in the U.K. had 13.4 per cent of the U.K. market.

The top five vendors in Europe had only 8.4 per cent of the West European market.

International Business Machines (IBM), for example, the dominant computing services supplier in every European country, had only 2.8 per cent of the market overall, a major difference from its 70 per cent-plus share of the mainframe markets and 30 per cent plus share of the personal computer market.

Ms. Shapiro predicted that the largest companies would grow by acquisition and merger: "By 1990, the top five European vendors will have 20 per cent of the market," she said.

She suggested that rather more than half the top 10 companies would be U.S. owned by 1990.

Among the other predictions to emerge from the IDC briefing:

— The European on-line database market for financial information would grow from \$300 million this year to \$800 million in 1989;

— The value of shipments of

32-bit personal computers would equal the value of shipments of 16-bit machines by 1991; and

— IBM will cut the prices of its top-of-the-range 3090 processors again this year. "IBM has done a long job in differentiating the 3090 series from the earlier 308X family," according to Mr. F.R. Gens, director of IDC's IBM Systems Advisory Service.

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He expected IBM to introduce a quadruple density top-end disk drive providing 10 billion bytes of storage per unit compared with the five billion bytes available today. It would achieve this by increasing the packing density of the magnetic impulses representing binary digits on the disk surface.

He said that IBM would enter the merchant market for mini-winchester disk drives within the next two years. "This would fit its long-term financial strategy," he said. "It will enable it to be the lowest cost producer and give it as many distribution channels as possible."

Mini-winchesters are the most important storage devices found in the more powerful small and

personal computers. They are based on small rigid magnetic disks, running in a hermetically-sealed chamber, which are free of the environmental problems associated with "floppy" discs, and which offer high reliability.

He concluded that over the next decade IBM would become more dependent on distributed processing than would attempt to tie mainframe growth to distributed data processing growth.

It would lower its costs through higher volume production and by an increasing reliance on indirect distribution and strategic alliances with other computer companies — the alliance with Stratus, the fault-tolerant computer company, was a typical example.

It would derive account control by establishing *de facto* standards — the use of Systems Network Architecture in data communications, for example — and by the provision of "top-to-bottom" operating systems environments. Its 31-bit extended architecture (XA) would cover the entire range of 370-like machines, supported by the operating systems MVS-XA and VM-XA.

Mr. Gens suggested that IBM would double its revenues from software between 1984 and 1990, from seven per cent to 14 per cent of its total revenues.

Revenue from processor sales would, however, decline over the same period from 26 per cent to 20 per cent. Its revenues from maintenance would stay constant at around 12 per cent of total revenues but there would be a small increase — from 21 per cent to 24 per cent — in revenues from office systems — Financial Times news feature.

China's tourist boom threatens precious murals

By Graham Earnshaw
Reuter

DUNHUANG, China — The honeycomb of Buddhist caves near Dunhuang has survived wars, earthquakes, sandstorms and vandalism for 1,600 years. But the main threat to its precious murals is now mere human breath.

The hundreds of caves, carved into a cliff about three hours by camel across the Gobi desert from the Dunhuang oasis in north China, are one of the wonders of the world, a storehouse of art and information about the fabled silk road at the height of its prosperity a millennium and more ago.

Many of Dunhuang's treasures are now to be found in museums in West Europe and Japan. A niche containing 50,000 scrolls, paintings and manuscripts which had been sealed nearly 1,000 years ago was discovered in 1900. Foreign adventurers combing the old silk road for artefacts soon grabbed most of them.

The caves and the ancient Buddhist murals and statues they contain have begun to attract large numbers of people since they were opened to the public in 1980.

"Visitors are having a very serious effect on the state of the murals with their breath, the humidity they bring into the caves and their clothing brushing against the walls," said Dunhuang official Ma Jingchi.

"What has preserved them over the centuries is the dryness, the darkness and the free movement of air through the caves. But with the arrival of so many people, the conditions which have made it possible for them to survive are under threat," he said.

Ma said there had been a marked loss of detail in many of the murals over the past 40 years because of humidity and light.

Last year 110,000 people visited the caves, and there are plans for further big increases in the next few years.

"We plan to eventually build a museum opposite the caves which would include full copies of a number of the caves, complete with statues and murals," Ma explained.

"People could view them and then perhaps move in to look at the real caves for a very short period of time," he added.

Dunhuang was a stopover on the ancient silk road which spanned central Asia, taking silks and spices to the West and bringing Buddhism from India to China.

Work on carving out the cave shrines to Buddha was started in 366 A.D. The oldest of the 492

caves now open dates from the fifth century.

Many of the caves and most of the best murals and statues were created in the seventh and eighth centuries, when the Tang dynasty was at the height of its power.

With 'help' from referee, Brazil prevails over Spain

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (R) — Brazil returned to the Jalisco Stadium Sunday to beat Spain 1-0 in a Group D match which revolved around a controversial decision by Australian referee Chris Bambridge.



The game was 54 minutes old when Spanish midfielder Michel picked up a ball 20 metres out and shot against the underside of the Brazilian bar.

Goalkeeper Carlos was beaten but he recovered in time to grab the rebound as the Spanish team celebrated what they believed was a goal.

But Bambridge ruled that it was no goal although the television replays showed clearly that the Spanish joy was justified.

Ironically, just nine minutes later, Brazil scored the winning goal when a shot from Careca hit the underside of the Spanish bar, bounced out in front of the goal line and left Socrates with a simple header.

The goal inspired Brazil and they began to show glimpses of the magical soccer they put on display 16 years ago in this stadium on their way to their third and last World Cup title.

The Spanish players were bitterly disappointed by their bad luck but, despite attacking more in the second half, they did not deserve victory after some tough, uncompromising defensive play in the first half.

The Australian referee, whose appointment for such an important match caused some surprise, came to the rescue of Spain just two minutes after his controversial decision. Brazil found the net from a corner but Bambridge ruled it was Edinho's hand

that put the ball there.

The first half started in violent fashion when Spanish centre-back Andoni Goikoetxea's first two tackles left Brazilian players writhing on the ground. But it was Julio Alberto who was the first to earn the displeasure of Bambridge, being booked for a bad foul on Casagrande after just three minutes.

Both teams relied heavily on defence playing just two men up front and the 62,000 crowd soon began whistling and jeering as mistakes proliferated in a packed midfield.

Brazilian midfielder Elzo came nearest to scoring in the first half when he forced Spanish goalkeeper Zubizarreta to make a scrambling save near his right hand post after shooting from 20 metres.

As the match moved into its third quarter the Spaniards began to tire in temperatures of well over 30 degrees centigrade and the substitution of Muller for Casagrande put Spain on the back.

Suddenly Brazil were rampant as three times in five minutes Careca and Muller made gut-wrenching chances only to waste them with wayward shooting.

The 1-0 win was a highly significant result. Brazil, beset by problems, desperately needed a positive start to launch their challenge on an even keel and without Bambridge's controversial decision it is unlikely they would have achieved it.

The only other match Sunday also ended 1-0, European champions France overcoming an unexpectedly resilient Canada in the first Group C match in Leon.

The first two days have confirmed the view that there are no obvious favourites for the title.

The decision to appoint an Australian to referee the important Brazil-Spain match caused some surprise.

But Bambridge, 40, who emigrated from England to Australia 10 years ago, is a seasoned official with international experience including the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico. His decision not to give Spain a goal Sunday cannot be criticised on the grounds that television showed the ball had crossed the line.

Also Bambridge said that he had consulted his linesman who had agreed the ball had not gone in.

So the issue raised by the incident is whether the referee should have had available to him the evidence that was seen by millions of television viewers around the world, the ball clearly dropping behind the Brazilian goal-line.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

No-show ruins Belgium's final practice

TOLUCA, Mexico (R) — Belgium, who kick off their World Cup finals campaign against hosts Mexico on Tuesday, received a setback to their preparations Sunday when Mexican side Toluca failed to turn up for a practice match. The Belgians were in their playing strip and ready to start at the scheduled kickoff time and there was a small party of spectators and journalists assembled. The match had been listed and announced to the press by the World Cup organisers. But the Toluca side did not show up to the annoyance of Belgian coach Guy Thys. "We were sure this final practice match would have ended our preparations perfectly," he said. "But now we have been put at a disadvantage for our opening match against the Mexicans."

Grundel leads Acropolis Motor Rally

ATHENS (R) — Sweden's Kalle Grundel steered his Ford RS-200 into the lead after the first special stage of the 33rd Acropolis Motor Rally Monday, the sixth round of the world championship. Grundel clocked an unofficial nine minutes 49 seconds over the opening section, 12 kilometres of dirt track on nearby Mount Hymettus, to take a provisional 11 second lead over Finn Markku Alen in a Lancia Delta S-4. Young Swede Michael Ericsson was a further 15 seconds back in his Lancia with Finland's Timo Salonen, winner of the 1,910 kilometre event last year, fourth in a Peugeot 205 T-16.

Evert Lloyd tops Bassett

PARIS (AP) — Defending women's champion Chris Evert Lloyd rebounded from a sluggish start to defeat 18-year-old Carling Bassett of Canada 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 Monday and advance to the semifinals of the French Open.

In the men's field, the lone remaining French entry, eighth-seeded Henri Leconte defeated 19-year-old Horacio De La Pena of Argentina 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

In the quarterfinals, Leconte will play Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union. Chesnokov, who eliminated defending men's champion Mats Wilander on Saturday, advanced with a 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Mexico's Francisco Maciel.

Bassett, the 13th seed, used lobs and drop shots to keep the second-seeded Lloyd off balance as she won the first set, a marathon that lasted more than one hour.

But the experience the 31-year-old Floridian has acquired in more than a decade near the top of women's tennis showed in the last two sets.

"I didn't play my best in the first set," Lloyd said. "I was nervous and tentative. After 2-0 in the second set, I knew I would win the match."

Bassett, playing in her first tournament since the death of her father last month, said she had little left after the first set.

"I put everything I had into the first set and I was so tired," she said.

In the seventh game, with Bassett serving, Lloyd moved to 40-15 and broke for the match when Bassett's volley went long. The shot had been set up with a beautifully placed drop shot by Lloyd.

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Algeria's twelfth man — a hot sun

By Richard Boudreaux
Associated Press Writer

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The World Cup may be decided on technical skill, but the issues in Tuesday's match between Algeria and Northern Ireland, two of the tournament's most experienced underdogs, boiled down to a matter of stamina under the sun.

Guadalajara, though high in the mountains of western Mexico, is registering noon temperatures in the high 30 C, an apparent disadvantage for the Irish against its Group D rivals, Algeria, Brazil and Spain.

Algeria and Northern Ireland arrived here late last month after nearly three weeks high altitude training in cooler climes — Geneva, Switzerland, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, respectively.

"No team could be fitter than ours," Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland coach, said Saturday. "But it is impossible to do hard running for 90 minutes in such an environment. Remember we were playing in Mexico, not Europe."

The humidity, above 80 per cent each day, is more a problem for players from arid Algeria, so much so that they brought along 10,000 liters of their own mineral water to guzzle after training sessions and matches.

Algerian coach Rabah Saadane said his team has adjusted faster than expected to the climate and will come out running in its first match ever against a Northern Ireland team.

"We are going for a goal from the start," Saadane told reporters. But he added: "It will be difficult to maintain pressure throughout the game."

Algeria, led by midfielder Lakhdar Belloumi, outran West Germany and Chile four years ago in the North African nation's World Cup debut before losing to Austria and barely missing the second round.

Saadane has brought nine players from that surprise 1982 team, determined to go further.

Northern Ireland is back with 40-year-old goalkeeper Pat Jennings and 11 other players who led it to round two in the 1982 World Cup before being eliminated by

France. Tactically, the contest at Guadalajara's 3rd of March Stadium will pit Algeria's quick, one-touch attack against an Irish defence that went unbeaten in eight World Cup qualifying matches and yielded just five goals.

Bingham said Northern Ireland will slow down to conserve energy while its defence looks for chances to counterattack.

He plans tight midfield marking against Algeria's 28-year-old playmakers, Belloumi and Mohammed Kaci said.

But Rachid Harkouk, an Algerian reserve forward who plays in the English League, believes the Irish defence will wilt.

"I think Northern Ireland is going to find the heat toward the middle of the second half much too overpowering," he said.

Northern Ireland is less confident on offense since a knee injury knocked Martin O'Neill off the squad a month ago.

"Scoring goals is something that's been foreign to us for too long," conceded 31-year-old Sammy McIlroy, who succeeded O'Neill as team captain.

Portugal faces a full-strength England

By Timothy Collings
Reuters

MONTERREY, Mexico — Bryan Robson has won his fitness fight to lead a full-strength England team into their opening Group F game against Portugal at the Technological Stadium here Tuesday.

Robson, who has been struggling with an achilles tendon injury, came through a full training session at the stadium Sunday and afterwards declared himself available to play in a match that is sure to revive memories of the last World Cup encounter between the two countries.

That was in 1966 when England beat Portugal, including the great Eusebio, 2-1 in front of a partisan Wembley crowd on their way to their only World Cup triumph.

Portugal's centre forward that night, the tall and powerful Jose

Torres, is now their manager, a post he took over following the nation's fine run to the semifinals at the 1984 European Championships.

Nothing would be sweeter for him than a revenge victory over England.

Torres, like England manager Bobby Robson, will be able to select from a full strength squad and feels confident his team has the ability to improve on their third place showing in England in 1966, their only previous appearance in the finals.

"We certainly have the raw material," he said. "We have quality players now with skill and flair. If the team can form into a stable unit we can sustain a serious challenge."

Torres, as imposing a figure in his manager's suit as in his day as a player, is likely to field five players

in midfield, leaving only star striker Fernando Gomes in attack.

That means Paolo Futre of Porto, the new golden talent of Portuguese soccer, will have to settle for a place on the substitutes' bench.

Torres believes Futre, a winger with outstanding pace and dribbling skills, could be a crucial tactical weapon in the later stages of a match expected to be played in searing heat, though cloud and rain have been predominant in Monterrey for the last three days.

England manager Robson is almost certain to rely on the 4-3-3 system he has used with success during the last year in which his team have strung together a run of 11 games without defeat, including six successive wins.

With Robson back to full fitness — "he has timed his recovery work to perfection," said Robson — and striker Gary Lineker sure to play wearing only a light protective plaster on his sprained wrist, England can call on an experienced team in buoyant mood.

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Tenderers may obtain the tender documents at the earliest from the morning of Tuesday June 3, 1986.

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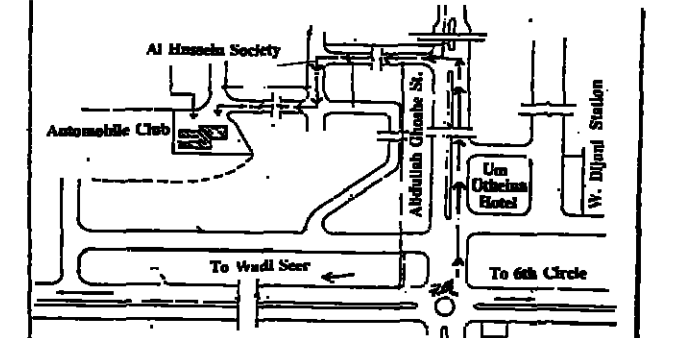
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.4720/30	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3860/65	Canadian dollars
	2.3295/3305	West German marks
	2.6210/20	Dutch guilders
	1.9320/40	Swiss francs
	47.51/56	Belgian francs
	7.4175/4225	French francs
	1595/1597	Italian lire
	175.20/30	Japanese yen
	7.3940/90	Swedish crowns
	7.8385/8435	Norwegian crowns
	8.6175/6225	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	342.80/343.20	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equity prices closed lower after showing a firmer bias at the outset in quiet and lacklustre trading, dealers said. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 6.3 points at 1,596.5 after opening 1.6 points up at 1,604.4.

Prices moved lower throughout the day on lack of investor demand due to the many cash calls currently in the market and the prospect that there may be more to come.

Dealers noted that Monday's declines come despite an optimistic confederation of British industry survey and hopes that current 10 per cent U.K. clearing bank base lending rates will move still lower in the near future.

Government bonds closed steady to slightly firmer after a quiet session. Dealers said gilts were marked down at the outset in response to the weaker U.S. bond market but cheap buying lifted prices in later trading.

In the motor vehicles sector, Chrysler lost nearly a pound to £25.54 after news it is selling its 12.5 per cent stake in Peugeot SA, amounting to 1.8 million shares plus warrants, for around two billion French francs.

Major exporting companies were helped by a firm dollar and were little affected when rumours, later denied, that President Reagan had had a heart attack briefly pushed the dollar down.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1986

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until noon, be careful that you do not act too hastily about deciding upon a new course of action that could cause many changes in your life. The evening is good for introspection.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study a proposal well by an associate before you accept it. Tonight, look into your financial status for necessary changes.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be careful you do not take that action you have in mind too quickly, or you can regret it later. Think things through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't permit a friend to persuade you to take some fast action on a matter you have not yet analyzed well.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be sure to keep promises made in civic or career matters without trying to make changes. Avoid oversteering.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Take it easy where some costly activity is concerned. Friends give you needed information. Avoid a certain newcomer.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't try to pull a fast one in business, or you could spoil your career. Avoid being too inquisitive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have a plan for which your partners are not yet ready, so put it aside for a while. Don't commit yourself to monetary things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Carry on with the duties you have found to be successful and don't change your methods. Evening is best for self-improvement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Go after the entertainment that you like and steer clear of the modern which is not your cup of tea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Avoid criticism at home and you improve the situation there. Not a good day to invite a friend in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan how to have more accord with allies rather than try to force new plans on them. One in power is angry, so steer clear today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't jeopardize your safe position by making some foolish investment at this time. Listen to the practical voices of others.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will early look into one activity and then jump into another without ever getting anything completed, and should be taught early how to persevere, otherwise your progeny will never amount to anything.

Dealers expect near-term dollar gains, further decline afterwards

DUBLIN (R) — Foreign exchange dealers, after three days swapping views here, expect the dollar to continue its recent rally and make further gains in the near term.

"The renewed burst of dollar strength, they say, is partly due to a widespread belief that U.S. interest rates have bottomed out and will not fall further and partly to better statistics pointing to a healthier U.S. economy."

But the dealers said that in the longer term the dollar should resume the decline that began last September because the Industrialised Group of Five (G-5) countries are not ready to dissipate the results of their successful accord to push it down from the unusual heights reached in early 1985.

The dealers were polled during the annual congress of the International Foreign Exchange Dealers Association (ACI), which ended at the weekend and drew 1,100 delegates from 55 countries.

The dollar began a long and steep slide after the September agreement, which was largely prompted by growing protectionist sentiment in the United States. But having plumed record post-war lows against the Japanese currency around 160 yen and suffered strong losses against the German mark and other major currencies, the dollar began to rally last month.

In Europe Monday the dollar was trading at 175.10 yen and 2.33 marks, following Friday's London close of 174.40 yen and

2.3250 marks. The greenback had touched a high of 177.05 yen in Tokyo trading Monday, its highest level since April 16.

Most dealers polled see the dollar rising to 2.40 marks and 180 yen in the next few weeks. They noted that sentiment has reversed in the last month and many see the U.S. currency reaching 2.50 marks soon.

Dealers said firmer U.S. interest rates and the stronger-than-expected estimated 3.7 per cent annual-rate rise in U.S. gross national product in the first quarter of 1986 provided excuses to buy dollars.

"Something has definitely changed — it's just a gut feeling. They couldn't sell enough dollars before and now they can't buy enough," a senior dealer at a European merchant bank in London said.

But a senior dealer at a U.S. bank in Frankfurt said that because so many dealers now see the dollar rising, they have taken positions in the market anticipating this. Then unfavourable news comes, these positions will be swiftly reversed, forcing the dollar down sharply, he said.

Many dealers interviewed said they saw 2.40 marks as the rate at which G-5 central banks would intervene to stop the dollar's rise. "If it (the dollar) goes to 2.40 marks, the central banks will come in and whack it down," one London dealer for a second-tier U.S. bank said.

Newly-elected ACI President Hans-Jens Trede, of West German private bank Bankhaus Hermann Lampe, said the central banks would feel uneasy if the dollar's upward trend continued beyond 2.40 marks and 180 yen.

He added that a continued appreciation would be against the interests of the G-5.

Many dealers believe the U.S. and Japan have called a truce on talking the dollar up or down until after Japanese elections set for July 6. Japan has expressed concern about the effects of a strong yen on its export-led economy.

President Reagan said last Thursday that the dollar had stabilised at more competitive levels against other currencies. His comment was in marked contrast to a series of statements by him and other senior U.S. officials including Treasury Secretary James Baker and Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige in the last few months, aimed at talking the dollar down, dealers noted.

"Why are Baker and Baldrige and all those people keeping quiet all of a sudden?" a Frankfurt dealer asked.

Most dealers believe that when the Japanese elections are over, domestic U.S. considerations will reassert themselves and the U.S. administration will face renewed calls for a lower dollar to narrow the trade deficit with Japan.

While many dealers believe the long-term downward adjustment of the dollar is not over, others are sceptical. One London-based dealer said that the U.S. still needs a substantial inflow of foreign capital to fund its burgeoning budget deficit and therefore needs to keep its interest rates attractive.

Pakistan's Islamic banks ban interest, not profit

By Shahid Al Rahman
South-North News Service

KARACHI, Pakistan — If you want to deposit your money in a bank and earn no interest on it, open an account here. But if you want to earn a return on your money, just open the same account. Confused? You're in the same boat with a lot of Pakistanis, who wonder what is happening to their banking system.

In July 1985, Pakistan switched completely from traditional Western banking to Islamic banking. With the switch came a ban on interest, which Pakistan's Islamic faith prohibits as unjust on the ground that lenders incur no risk, since borrowers must repay what they borrow, plus interest, whether or not they profit from a loan.

Pakistanis depositors, however, still make money on their money. The difference is that what they make is called a mark-up instead of interest, with the rate set at the end of the year.

While Pakistan's Islamic banking ban interest, it accepts the profit motive. What that calls for, however, is a fair sharing of profit and loss, gain and risk, by all parties involved in a loan. The depositors who provide the money, the borrowers who get the use of the money, and the banks that handle the transactions.

Pakistan's commitment to interest-free, profit-and-loss-sharing (PLS) banking is total. It applies not only to the country's five domestic banks, which were nationalised in 1972, but also to the 10 foreign banks doing business in Pakistan.

The swing to Islamic banking began in 1981, when Pakistani depositors were given an interim choice between interest and PLS accounts. During the 1981-85 transitional period, Islamic and Western-style banking functioned side by side. But PLS accounts earned higher returns than interest-bearing accounts. Pakistan's central bank in effect supported the new PLS accounts by fixing a minimum rate of return. Individual banks could exceed it

but not go below it. Interestingly, although Islamic law required the banks to issue separate annual statements for Islamic and Western accounts, not one appeared during the transitional period. The reason: Diversion of profits from traditional to PLS operations to make sure that PLS depositors got their mark-up.

The Islamic Ideology Council, which serves as President Mohammed Zia Ul Haq's think-tank on religious affairs, strongly opposed the mark-up concept. It was a back-door form of interest, the council argued, simply the old system in disguise. To the government, however, it was a way to buttress people's confidence in Islamic banking.

The ways of the new system can be mysterious. Pakistan's banks still invest in interest-bearing securities and loans floated by the government, but they themselves can pay no interest on their \$5.6 billion in deposits. The result has been harsh criticism, even from staunch supporters of the regime.

Mr. Nawab Hyder Naqvi, who directs the Institute of Development Economics, calls the new system too complicated and bureaucratic to be efficient. Since banks must share risks with borrowers by becoming partners, they protect themselves by monitoring every step of the investment of their loans. The result can be endless auditing and accounting, which inflates overhead without stopping unscrupulous entrepreneurs.

Short-term financing overdrafts also have been a headache since they do not lend themselves to equity sharing. After first banning such loans, the central bank suggested giving individual bank manager control over them. As a result, managers may charge customers different mark-up rates for the same kind of loan.

With business proceeding very cautiously in the no man's land of Islamic financing, Pakistan's five nationalised banks recently announced their lowest six-month profits in four years: seven per cent.

King Fahd sees oil price stabilising at \$20 a barrel

KUWAIT (R) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz was Monday quoted as saying oil prices would stabilise at around \$20 a barrel before rising to former levels.

In an interview in Mecca with the Kuwait daily Al Sayassah, he said there was no acceptable substitute for oil, and rejected the view that a pricing and output war among producers could push prices down to \$7.

"In my opinion oil prices will stabilise around \$20 a barrel, because consumer countries have now used up nearly all their reserves, and as prices go down consumption tends to rise," he said.

"It will be some time before prices go back up to their previous level, but people should get used to the idea that they will go up and then they will be prepared when the time comes."

"Substitutes which have been considered have proved to be costly and dangerous. Just remember the Soviet nuclear disaster," he said in a reference to the Chernobyl reactor accident in April.

"So it all boils down (to) the fact there is no substitute for oil," King Fahd said.

"Finally, I believe there should be no playing around with the price of a vital and strategic commodity such as oil," he said.

He said the regular half-yearly meeting of ministers of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) scheduled for late June in Brioni, Yugoslavia, would provide "a reasonable idea on price and production."

Saudi Arabia, he said, "always abides by OPEC decisions on pricing and production as we feel they are very important."

The Saudi monarch voiced disappointment that foreign consumers had not reaped the benefits of the slide in oil prices. "Prices to the consumer have remained at virtually the same

level as when oil was more than \$30 a barrel," he added.

Iraqi president says oil price drop will be temporary

Meanwhile, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said Monday the fall in oil prices was a conspiracy which would not last long.

Talking to oil ministry officials in Baghdad on the 14th anniversary of Iraq's nationalisation of its oil, he said: "Lowering oil prices is a conspiracy (but) the situation is temporary and might continue for two or three years more and then things will return to normal."

He did not say who was behind the alleged conspiracy.

President Hussein also said the effect of falling oil prices affected Iraq less than many other countries because the war with Iran had "made us start a balanced behaviour in economic and social aspects taking into consideration the worst possibilities."

Saudi Arabia discusses wheat sales to Europe

KUWAIT (R) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz was Monday quoted as saying the European Community (EC) had discussed buying Saudi wheat, and some had already been sold to Europe.

The EC, he said, "has discussed with us the possibility of buying our surplus wheat production. Indeed, Saudi wheat has already been exported to Italy and Greece," he told the Kuwaiti daily Al Sayassah in an interview in Mecca.

He gave no further details of the talks with the EC, but dismissing criticism of costly Saudi agricultural projects, said the discussions were evidence of sound policy.

"The critics said Saudi Arabia could never become an exporter but we have proved them wrong

Abu Dhabi raises crude oil prices

ABU DHABI (R) — Abu Dhabi, the largest oil producer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has raised its crude oil prices in line with a similar increase by neighbouring Oman. Oil industry sources said Monday.

The increases follow a slight firming in prices in May after four months of decline.

The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) told customers that May deliveries of its main Murban grade crude would sell for \$12.35 a barrel, up from \$11.30 in April. Prices for Zakum, Umm Shaif and Upper Zakum grades also rose.

This was ADNOC's first increase since it introduced a market-related pricing formula in January, when Murban grade sold for \$24.95 a barrel.

Abu Dhabi produces around one million barrels per day (b/d) of oil out of total UAE production of about 1.4 million b/d, the industry sources said.

Sunday, industry sources in the Gulf said Oman had raised the price of its crude oil for May liftings to \$11.85 a barrel from \$10.90 in April.

Meanwhile, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday that oil ministers from six OPEC countries who met in Saudi Arabia a week ago have targeted \$17-\$19 per barrel as a range which would stabilise the oil market.

The Nicosia-based newsletter said the ministers reached an understanding "that the appropriate price target for OPEC's current market stabilisation effort should be between \$17 and \$19 a barrel and that prices should stay at that level for some time to come."

Moi pledges to revitalise 'Kenyanisation' schemes

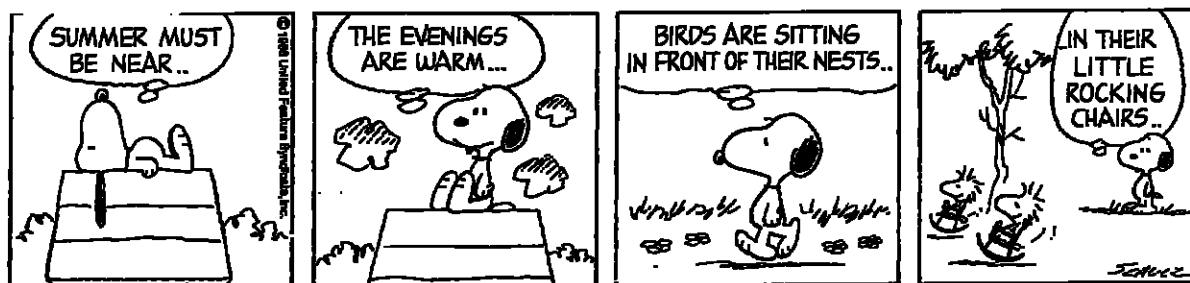
NAIROBI (R) — President Daniel Arap Moi pledged Sunday to revive flagging attempts to increase Kenyan ownership of private businesses, which are mainly in the hands of Asians and Europeans.

He said earlier efforts to "Kenyanise" the economy had failed "regrettably and largely as a result of insufficient working capital and management weaknesses."

"Necessary steps will be taken to review and revitalise Kenyanisation programmes which appear to have slowed down of late," President Moi told a rally marking the 23rd anniversary of self-government.

A task force will be set up "to ensure that business enterprises will be placed in the hands of indigenous Kenyans and that they are accorded the necessary support," he added.

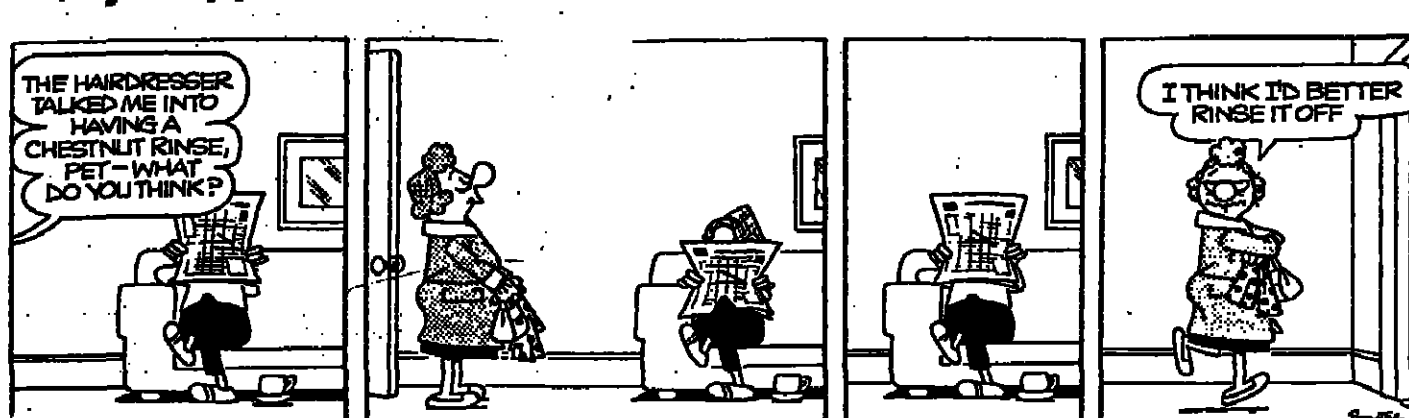
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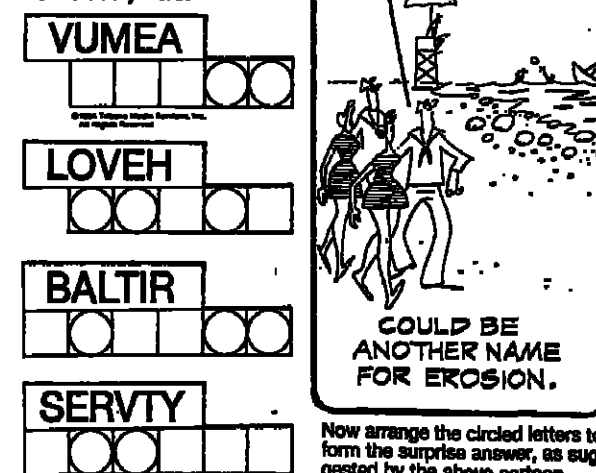
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



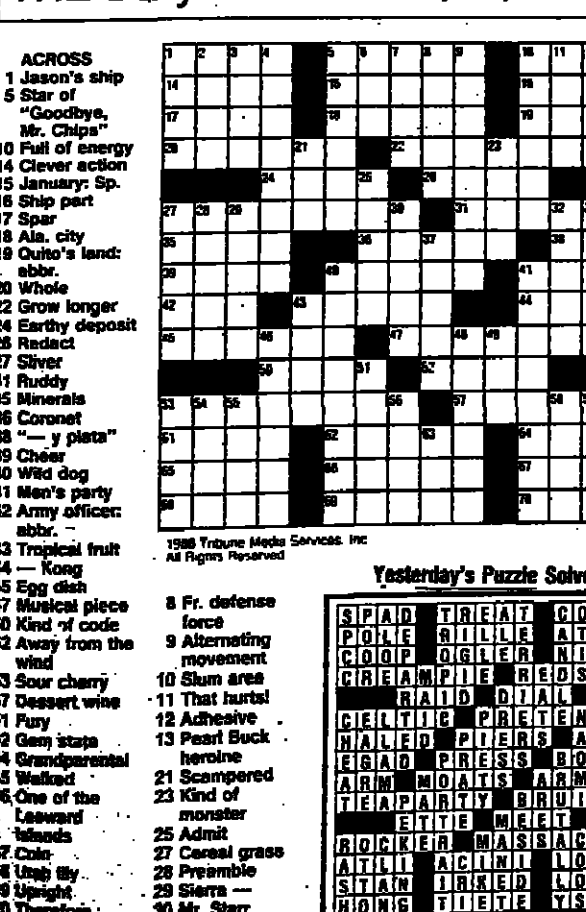
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLOAT CASTE ABLAZE TEACUP
Answer: The members of the jury are supposed to "sit" until they do this — SETTLE

THE Daily Crossword by Harvey L. Chew



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



Gromyko calls U.S. decision on SALT-2 'major blunder'

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Andrei Gromyko told British parliamentarians Monday that a U.S. threat to break the 1972 SALT-2 arms treaty was a "high explosive charge" and a major political blunder.

Mr. Gromyko's words, quoted by Labour Parliamentarian Martin Flannery, were the strongest so far from a top Kremlin official on President Reagan's decision not to abide by limits on strategic arms after the end of this year.

"SALT-2 has been dealt blow after blow," Mr. Gromyko was quoted as telling the British team, led by Deputy Prime Minister William Whitelaw, at a Kremlin meeting.

The latest blow is a high-explosive charge under it. This is undoubtedly a major blunder," he added.

Mr. Flannery said he took a verbatim note of Mr. Gromyko's words.

Mr. Gromyko, 76, also said the Kremlin believed the American people opposed the Washington decision which has not been supported by the European NATO allies. NATO foreign ministers ended a meeting at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Friday.

The United States says Moscow has violated SALT-2, which was never ratified.

Dennis Healey, foreign affairs

spokesman for the opposition Labour Party, quoted Mr. Gromyko as urging Britain to encourage the United States towards negotiation with the Soviet Union on arms issues.

Mr. Healey, whose party is committed to scrapping the British nuclear arsenal, said Mr. Reagan's decision to break out of the accord so close to a time when a new U.S.-Soviet summit was expected was "imagination-boggling."

Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. Healey, whose 14-strong delegation saw Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev last week, said the Soviet leadership stressed a strong desire to reach an accord on arms reductions. They said Mr. Gromyko repeated Mr. Gorbachev's view that

there was no point in his meeting Mr. Reagan again unless there was a prospect of an agreement.

Mr. Healey said Mr. Gromyko called on Britain to help convene tripartite talks on a total nuclear test ban. The United States called off the last session over a decade ago.

Mr. Gorbachev has imposed a 12-month freeze on Soviet testing and is calling on Mr. Reagan to follow suit. Washington has rejected the call, which Mr. Gorbachev first made last July.

Mr. Healey also said Mr. Gromyko had singled out European-based missiles as an area where agreement could be reached soon "if the political will is there."

The British group was due to leave Monday after a 10-day visit.

Nakasone dissolves parliament; polls set for July 6

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Monday dissolved the Lower House of Parliament and the cabinet decided to hold early general elections on July 6.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Masaharu Gotoda announced the date in a statement in which he said the dissolution was aimed at electing new members following a redistribution of seats.

But Japanese believe the real aim of the polls — 18 months ahead of schedule — is to recapture a working majority for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and boost Mr. Nakasone's own standing.

Opposition fears of a stronger LDP led their parties to boycott Monday's extraordinary session of the Lower House which had been recalled from a summer recess. Parliament can be dissolved only when it is in session.

But the boycott was only symbolic because the cabinet can decide on a dissolution without a vote by parliament.

The elections will be held on the same day as scheduled polls for the less powerful Upper House.

A convincing victory for the LDP could strengthen the likelihood of Mr. Nakasone extending his power when his term as party leader expires on Oct. 30.

However, at present most of the factions making up the complicated LDP structure oppose Mr. Nakasone's re-election as party leader, which automatically carries the post of prime minister.

The LDP only barely holds a majority in the executive Lower House with the help of the New Liberal Club. The LDP has 250 of the 511 seats and the Club controls eight to give a majority.

Mr. Nakasone's political foes within the LDP had originally opposed a twin election for fear the expected electoral triumph could extend his power. But they later agreed to support the move for the sake of party unity.

Re-election for a third term as LDP leader is not allowed unless party rules are revised.

Mr. Nakasone has said he wants to ensure sufficient support within parliament to carry out his major policies of reforming the deficit-ridden Japanese National Railways Corporation and the country's education and taxation systems.

He has also said an early general election is necessary following last month's revision of the current uneven distribution of Lower House seats.

In the 252-member Upper House, the LDP holds 138 seats.

German farmers block roads to new reactor

HAMM, West Germany (R) — West German farmers blocked roads leading to an experimental nuclear reactor Monday following news it leaked radiation last month, police said.

The high-temperature reactor, which began test operations in January, was shut down indefinitely Sunday on the orders of the North Rhine-Westphalia state government while investigations continued into the May 4 leak.

About 40 farmers in tractors and combine harvesters set up the blockade and demanded the reactor be closed in the Ruhr town of Hamm, a police spokesman said.

Experts said the amount of radiation that escaped was not dangerous.

State Economics Minister Reimut Jochimsen accused the local power company of failing to notify the authorities in time. The company, United Electricity Works of Westphalia (UEW), denied the

charge.

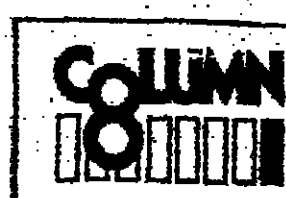
Yugoslavia Monday accused West Germany of hiding the truth about a radiation leak at the Hamm reactor.

"The hushing up of the accident is an act of deception," the official newspaper Borba said in a commentary.

"Europe was not warned of a need for intensified protection measures after the leak as it was not in the case of recent accidents at British and French nuclear power plants," Borba said.

It said the accidents proved the Soviet disaster was not the only such case and nobody could be sure there would not be others more disastrous.

Yugoslavia lost \$25 million from a West European ban on its food exports after the Soviet accident and the political fallout also led to the shelving of at least two nuclear power projects in Yugoslavia.



Danish wives fly in for brief encounter

QUERETERO, Mexico (R) — The wives and girlfriends of Denmark's World Cup team flew into Mexico for a brief encounter with the players.

Sepp Piontek said he had encouraged all wives to come because he believed they would boost the players' morale. But he has decreed they will see husbands and boyfriends for only a few hours after Wednesday's opening game with Scotland.

The wives and girlfriends will stay in Mexico City when the players return to their hotel more than 200 kilometres away in Queretaro. They will get a second brief chance to see their menfolk after next Sunday's clash with Uruguay.

Afterwards the wives will be allowed the luxury of coming to Queretaro but will have to stay in separate hotels. "I think the trainer is right," Captain Morten Olsen said. "Of course we all want to see our wives but we are here to play football and everything else must come second."

Pravda: Readers worried about atomic energy

MOSCOW (R) — The Communist Party daily Pravda said Monday it was receiving letters from readers worried about atomic energy following the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

The Soviet Union has no popular anti-nuclear movement and in the wake of the April 26 accident at the Ukrainian power station officials have been quoted only as expressing confidence in the continued use of atomic energy.

But the newspaper made clear some members of the public were anxious when, in an interview with a senior scientist, the correspondent said:

"I will not hide the fact that we are getting letters in which a negative attitude to atomic energy is expressed."

It quoted Valery Legasov, deputy director of the Kurchatov Institute, as replying nuclear power was economically profitable, ecologically pure and represented the peak of human achievement in the energy field.

"The future of civilisation is unthinkable without the peaceful use of atomic energy," he said.

Legasov, whose institute is the country's main academic body working on nuclear energy, seemed to suggest human error might have caused the disaster.

Big, complicated industrial systems were less likely to fall than simple ones but when they did the consequences were worse, he said.

"Very often such large systems depend on several operators and on their qualifications and craftsmanship," he said.

Legasov said he was among a group of experts who flew from Moscow to Chernobyl on the day of the accident. There was a delay of nearly three days before the government reported it and a further week passed before the official press began covering it in detail.

He said first reports of the accident were contradictory but when he saw the fire for himself he understood the disaster was on an "almost impossible" scale.

Mrs. Aquino convenes constitutional commission

MANILA (R) — President Corason Aquino convened a commission Monday to draft a constitution that will determine the kind of government the Philippines will have in the future.

She said she expected the 50-member group to present a new charter in 90 days for approval by the people in a plebiscite.

Mrs. Aquino was swept into power by a civilian-backed military revolt that ended the 20-year rule of Ferdinand Marcos in February. She discarded a 1973 constitution that allowed Marcos to extend his tenure beyond his elected two terms.

"Please be quick," she told the commission, appointed last month, during its opening session. "Our whole nation is eager for a new constitution and the subsequent election."

Outside the National Assembly building where the session was held, ten people were injured when police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse about 5,000 Marcos loyalists.

Twelve were arrested but most were later released, police said. Mrs. Aquino, the first woman to become president since the Philippines gained independence in

1898, said elections for mayors and provincial governors would be called after the people ratified the new constitution.

The new constitution and the planned elections were expected to restore political stability and legitimise Mrs. Aquino's rule amid criticisms on her sweeping powers and speculations on the country's political future.

Five prominent opposition personalities, former members of Marcos's New Society Movement Party, have accepted appointments to the commission but other opposition leaders said the commission should have been elected by the people.

The commission members include two Roman Catholic priests, a nun and a Protestant minister. Retired supreme court judge Cecilia Muñoz-Palma, president of the commission, said major issues that would be taken up include the nature of government and a national bill of rights.

"We will see how we can decide on these issues in the next few weeks and if it will be necessary for us to go to the provinces to hold public hearings, we will do so," she told reporters.

S. African blacks head for long-shunned township

KHAYELITSHA, South Africa (R) — Barbed wire stands and tiny bungalows on a neatly-grassed stretch of bleak Cape coast await black homeless at present living in black shacks in a tent in this new-style South African township.

The 2,000 people fled their homes in Cape Town's Crossroads squatter camp last month amid battles which reduced their area to a wasteland of blackened wood and twisted metal.

They are a handful of the tens of thousands of squatters whom the authorities have urged to come to this novel township-cum-shanty site ever since it was conceived in 1983.

Officials say radicals have intimidated many Crossroads squatters into refusing the more sanitary sites at Khayelitsha.

It is a unique combination in South Africa — tiny bungalows, rows of taps and toilets on concrete stands awaiting shanty dwellers, and an embryonic seaside recreation centre.

But the majority of the 30,000 people who fled last month's Crossroads battles, in which at least 33 blacks died, have yet to take up the government's offer of refuge here.

They say that they were driven from their homes to allow Crossroads to be developed for other squatter groups who collaborated with the police and army in the battles.

Affidavits lodged with Cape Town's supreme court last week allege that last month's battles were planned and executed by police, army and Crossroads squatter leaders who stood to benefit from development plans and wanted to rid the area of radical youths. Police and government have denied the charges.

The court granted an interim injunction barring security forces and vigilantes from making or allowing attacks on displaced people who have regrouped elsewhere in the shanty town.

Those who came to Khayelitsha from what one called "the hating, burning" of their camps on the outskirts of Crossroads, say they are relieved to be in the isolated township at last after years resisting the move.

Patricia, 47, said: "The police, they don't want us in Crossroads. They are happy now." Gesturing at the bush-fringed sand dunes where her Red Cross tent is sited, she named a white policeman who she claimed told her: "You are baboons, you must go to the bushes."

Crossroads is home for 200,000 people who flocked to Cape Town during the past 11 years in defiance of apartheid race segregation laws from the impoverished homelands of Transkei and Ciskei.

Official policy in the area was to freeze black housing development. So the immigrants built their shanty town, sensitively close to main roads and airport.

Then Khayelitsha was conceived as a trend-setting development ultimately offering low-cost homes for 350,000 blacks. About 60,000 have moved so far.

It lies on one of the few stretches of coast which whites have not sought for their own luxury homes. Its boundaries are the sea, a municipal rubbish dump, and an army barracks.

The coastline is being enhanced by a tidal pool as well as the barbed wire facilities, and bus fares are heavily subsidised.

But ex-squatters are critical tenants. Those living in Khayelitsha's conventional houses say the unlined metal roofs let in baking heat in summer and bitter draughts in winter.

Bus fares to Cape Town are the same from Khayelitsha as they are from Crossroads. "We know once we are all this side the fare will be more. We are not stupid," Patricia said.

Civil rights workers say that both the widespread distrust of the authorities and the massive tensions within Crossroads developed during years when "pass" laws barred most homeland immigrants from living legally near "white" cities — even in areas zoned for blacks.

These laws are being scrapped this year. But they have left a legacy of violent political rivalry between leaders of the successive waves of squatters, some of whom had won official permission for their pass law "illegal" to stay in the area.

The affidavits suggest that last month's battles were between leaders of "legalised" old Crossroads tenants and recent arrivals who were meant to go to Khayelitsha to make way for a new township for the longer-established community.

The affidavits allege that the latest tensions first flared a few months ago when vigilantes warned newer squatters that they must rid their areas of radical young "comrades."

The government blames radical youths for the clashes between security forces and blacks and the battles between rival black groups which have claimed 1,550 lives in two years across the country.

Seoul denies report on early summit with North

SEOUL (R) — South Korean government officials Monday denied press reports that the leaders of North and South Korea had agreed to meet, possibly as early as October.

A high-ranking official denounced as speculative and unfounded the report by Japan's Kyodo News Agency that the meeting between Presidents Kim Il-Sung and Chun Doo Hwan would confirm an agreement to hold some events of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

"We have no knowledge of this

whatsoever. This unfounded and speculative report will not help in any way our efforts to keep up dialogue with the north," he told Reuters.

He also denied Kyodo's report, that North Korean Premier Kang Song-San and Southern Prime Minister Lho Shin-Yong met on April 18 in the border town of Panmunjom and agreed to cooperate to make the Olympics a success.

Since 1981, Gen. Chun has repeatedly called for talks with Mr. Kim but North Korea has rejected the idea of a summit.

Duarte invites guerrillas to third round of talks

SAN SALVADOR (R) — President Jose Napoleon Duarte has invited leaders of the Marxist Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) to join a third round of talks aimed at ending El Salvador's six-year-old civil war.

In a televised address marking the start of his third year in office Sunday, Mr. Duarte said the dialogue could take place in late July or early August.

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To cash the ace of clubs would surrender the contract to declare. Obviously, the defenders would have to score at least one diamond trick to beat the slam, so Rubin foresaw the need to attack diamonds immediately. The key card was going to be the jack of diamonds. If East had that card, it made little difference which diamond West led. But what if the jack was going to appear in dummy?

If West led the ace of clubs and shifted to the king of diamonds, declarer would win the ace, ruff a club on the board and, after drawing trumps, sluff the spades. To lead the king of diamonds would be no better. Declarer would win the ace and discard his two clubs on the spades, and then lead up to the jack of diamonds for his fulfilling trick.

The solution was obvious — Rubin led the six of diamonds! Since the cards did not have glass backs, declarer did not play the heart's jack. Thereafter, there was no way he could come to 12 tricks.

Ecuador government losing elections

QUITO (R) — The conservative, pro-American government of Ecuadorian President Leon Febres Cordero appeared headed for defeat Monday in mid-term congressional elections, according to early official returns.

With over a third of the votes counted, the Information Ministry issued figures showing anti-government opponents had taken a lead over pro-government conservative supporters.

The returns showed that centre-left and Marxist parties commanded a 57.4 per cent share of the congressional ballot and centrist parties took 37.4 per cent.

Sixteen parties were competing for 59 seats in the 71-member Congress and 512 posts in provincial and municipal councils.

The electoral trend, if confirmed in the final results, will cost Mr. Febres Cordero control of Congress halfway through his four-year term, diplomatic observers said. His backers now have

a slim majority of 41 seats in the legislature.

Ecuador, a member of OPEC with 9.6 million people, is grappling with mounting economic difficulties because of the slump in world prices for oil, its main export.

Vice-President Blasco Penaherrera Sunday night conceded defeat on a government-backed referendum asking whether independent should be allowed to stand in elections. Only political party members are now allowed to run. The ruling Social Christian Party was the only political force backing a "yes" vote.

Ecuador's centre-left and Marxist parties had vigorously campaigned for a "no" vote to repudiate the conservative economic and foreign policies of the Febres Cordero government, which is a staunch U.S. ally.

Opposition leaders, including former President Osvaldo Hurtado, claimed Sunday night that

the defeat of the referendum also represented a rejection of what they called Mr. Febres Cordero's authoritarian style.

With over 40 per cent of the referendum votes counted, 60 per cent were against the measure and 26 per cent in favour. The rest of the ballots were spoilt, the Information Ministry said.

The Febres Cordero government broke off diplomatic relations with leftist Nicaragua last October after calling on the Managua government to hold free and fair elections.

Last January, Mr. Febres Cordero received a warm welcome in Washington from President Reagan.

Mr. Febres Cordero toasted Mr. Reagan at an official dinner, saying he recognised the courage and vigour in which Mr. Reagan performed his tasks. "You and I, Mr. President, have in us something like the cowboy spirit," he said.

Army searches for arms in Kampala

KAMPALA (R) — Ugandan troops and police sealed Kampala overnight, raiding houses in a search for illegal weapons caches in the first extensive clampdown on the capital since President Yoweri Museveni took power in January.

Streets were deserted except for military vehicles following the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew that the government said would last until Tuesday morning.

Troops Sunday manned roadblocks within a 24-kilometre radius of the city cutting off Kampala from the surrounding countryside as they searched vehicles for illegal guns and ammunition.

Official Radio Kampala gave no reason for the curfew and warned people to stay indoors during what it described as a joint police and army operation.

Security sources said an unknown number of people had been detained.

For the past week there have been reports circulating in Kampala that a clandestine guerrilla group, seeking the return of former President Milton Obote who

was ousted in a coup in 1985, was establishing arms dumps in preparation for an attempted takeover.

Known as FOBA (Force Obote Back), it was said by local newspapers to have established training camps in eastern Uganda near the border with Zaire, an area where support for Obote was strongest.

But in the rest of the country there is no affection for a former president who is held responsible for widespread atrocities which helped bring about the civil war.

Vast numbers of weapons remain in private hands since Mr. Museveni led his victorious and well-disciplined National Resistance Army (NRA) into Kampala and advanced towards Uganda's northern borders with Sudan and Zaire.

Armed bands of former soldiers from previous governments have roamed the country robbing and looting civilians, making law and order the government's main priority.

The collapse of the country's economy after years of upheaval is a factor behind the violence. Men without jobs and with easy access to weapons have taken advantage of the instability before the arrival of NRA soldiers and government authority.

Mr. Museveni has said often that opponents were seeking to destabilise government and has warned he would retaliate.

Last week the government banned the newspaper Weekly Digest, saying there was concrete evidence it was a front through which enemies were trying to destabilise Uganda.

The newspaper reported the government had foiled a coup plot involving Uganda's Democratic Party that was backed by the Vatican and financed by Italy and West Germany. The party is represented in Mr. Museveni's government.

A government spokesman described the report as "pure fabrication" and urged people to ignore it.

World War II ammunition dump found in Morocco

RABAT (R) — Firemen putting out a minor blaze in a Casablanca scrap merchant's yard found 70 tonnes of high explosives hidden under heaps of rusting metal, the Rabat daily L'Opinion reported Monday.

The explosives dump, which had been lying there since World War II, included artillery shells, bombs, landmines, grenades and ammunition of various calibres made in the United States. Firemen also found several hundred steel helmets of the type used by allied forces who landed in the Casablanca area in 1942 in "Operation Torch" at the beginning of the North African campaign against the Nazis.

The violence and rising tension between Punjab's majority Sikhs and minority Hindus pose a major challenge for Mr. Barnala, who came to power last September after a peace accord between his Akali Dal Party and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Mr. Barnala faces a crucial session of the state assembly depending on support from Mr. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party against moves to topple him by 27 dissident Akali Dal legislators who broke away over the latest Golden Temple raid.

The split reduced Mr. Barnala's group to a minority in the 117-seat state assembly.

In a move to ensure Mr. Gandhi's support, Mr. Barnala Sunday night named a Hindu Congress (I) politician as temporary speaker of the State Assembly.

The post fell vacant last month when the former speaker quit after announcing his support for the Akali Dal dissidents.

On Saturday Mr. Gandhi's government announced that Chandigarh the state capital shared by Punjab and neighbouring Haryana state, would be transferred to Punjab by June 21.

The move will end a territorial stalemate sparked by the peace accord and is likely to bolster support for Mr. Barnala.

Beirut militiamen smoke their own

BEIRUT (R) — Falangist militia fighters in Beirut now have their own name brand of cigarettes, a militia source has said. They are produced and packed abroad and sold exclusively to men of the "Lebanese Forces" militia. Packs are labelled "Lebanese Forces" above the words "American Blend." A pack sells for three Lebanese pounds (about 10 U.S. cents) against 11 pounds for regular Western brands.

Australia has 203 AIDS cases

GENEVA (R) — A total 203 cases of the killer disease AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) have been reported in Australia up to the end of last month, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said. The victims included 176 homosexuals, and 134 of the cases were registered in the state of New South Wales, the WHO's weekly epidemiological record said. It added that 99 people had died from the disease which breaks down the body's resistance to infection and for which no cure has yet been found.

Geneva offers free transport to pedallers

GENEVA (R) — An experiment in a free public transport system was launched this weekend with the distribution around Geneva of 125 pink bicycles. Anyone may take one of the unlocked cycles and pedal around the lakeside city of 150,000 inhabitants. The rules ask only that free transport users stay within city limits, keep the cycles unlocked and leave them in an ambivalent spot for others. A local youth organisation, supported by city authorities, launched the campaign and will be responsible for maintaining the cycles. A spokesman said it hopes to increase the number to at least 300.



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